# RINGWOOD CITY

# WILHELMINA

## 1953 - 2003

HONOURS:

1954 - CHAMPIONS DIVISION FOUR
1955 - CHAMPIONS DIVISION THREE
1956 - CHAMPIONS DIVISION TWO
1957 - WINNERS CRAVEN "A" WORLD CUP
1957 - FINALIST PRE-SEASON "SUN" CUP
1958 - RUNNERS UP STATE LEAGUE
1958 - WINNERS DOCKERTY CUP
1959 - CHAMPIONS STATE LEAGUE
1960 - FINALIST PRE-SEASON "SUN" CUP
1961 - WINNERS STATE LEAGUE CUP
1961 - WINNERS HARRY ARMSTONG CUP
1962 - WINNERS PRE-SEASON AMPOL CUP
1962 - WINNERS AUSTRALIAN CUP
1967 - CHAMPIONS METROPOLITIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(Promoted to State League)
1969 - WINNERS HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
1971 - WINNERS HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
1972 - WINNERS HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
1973 - FINALIST PRE-SEASON AMPOL CUP
1974 - FINALIST DOCKERTY CUP
1978 - FINALIST DOCKERTY CUP
1979 - WINNERS TOMMY BURNS MEMORIAL TROPHY
1980 - RUNNERS UP METROPOLITIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(Promoted to State League)
1987 - RUNNERS UP METROPOLITIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(Promoted to State League)
1996 - RUNNERS UP STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
(Promoted to State League Division Two)
1997 - CHAMPIONS STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

1953 Results _ Nine Games

R1.1 0-1 Fairfield (away) L
R.2. 0-4 Ukrania (home) L
R3 - 3-0. Maccabe W
R4 - 4-1 Dandenong W
R5. 4-1 Coburg W
R6. 13-0. Moorabbin W
R7. 5-2 Williamstown W
R8 5-0. Astor W (default)
Rd9 - Unknown

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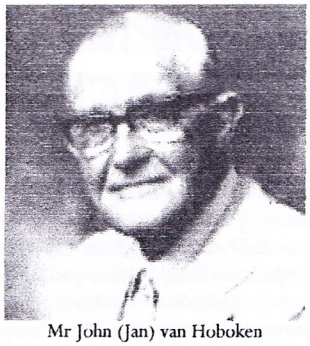

Mr John (Jan) van Hoboken

# THE BIRTH AND BEYOND

*The formation of a soccer club never once entered into the mind of Dutchman Jan (John) van Hoboken when he made the plunge to call Australia home in the latter part of 1946. Having previously spent a brief "tour of duty" down-under on assignment for the Dutch/East Indies government shortly after the end of the Second World War, van Hoboken's prime objective in this new land of opportunity was strictly business (sporting apparel). While the business side would prove a very much time consuming affair in the early years of settlement, van Hoboken's appetite for his beloved football was renewed with an extra sprinkling of passion by business partner Jack Skolnik, president of the powerful Hakoah Sports club. The muttered words "you Dutchmen simply don't know how to play soccer" was somewhat a sarcastic statement from Skolnik whose own club had just entered into the start of one of their greatest periods, rang loud and clear in the ears of van Hoboken. He quite clearly was willing to take matters a step further and throw down a challenge. That challenge would quickly turn into reality as the name WILHELMINA D.S.C (Dutch Soccer Club) was officially registered setting the wheels in motion. Financing the entire operation out of his own pocket which would entail a great deal of expense, the founding president put into place by his own terms one simple stipulation, that he would run the entire show, lock ,stock and barrel and added into the equation rule with an iron fist. Fully aware that many high quality and class former Dutch First Division players had immigrated to the "Great Southern Land" in search of greener pastures during the early 1950's, van Hoboken went scouting for recruits, intent on only attracting the right kind of personnel. With many of the new arrivals plying their trade in the Victorian First Division (later to be known as the State League/Premier League) with the likes of Prahran, Brighton and Moreland, the initial thought of an all Dutch club was overwhelmingly received, though some hesitation was clearly evident with the plunge to the lowest competition possible, the Fourth Division reserves, a somewhat unrewarding attraction. Nevertheless, with the 1953 Victorian season already under way, Wilhelmina DSC was given the green light to unleash the "orange" shirts mid way through the campaign. A number of players agreed to an instant transfer, while other recruits pledged a move after seeing out the season with their respective clubs. From an embryonic stage to birth, the Wilhelmina ship was now set to sail full steam ahead. A paddock in North Balwyn, more accustomed to catering for herds of grazing cattle would become the clubs first home base. While that particular surface and indeed others visited would be somewhat of a nightmare for players more at home and accustomed to lush terra firma, the unsavoury conditions proved little of a handicap. Finishing the shortened debut season (nine matches) in second place behind the Shell club, with an unblemished record, the best was still to come as the club was set to rocket up the lower divisions. Now well and truly officially affiliated with the V.A.S.F.A (Victorian Amateur Soccer Federation of Australia - later to be transformed into the Victorian Soccer Federation) Wilhelmina entered the Fourth Division senior ranks in 1954 with an air of confidence and rightfully so given the immense talent within the now assembled squad which contained the talents of captain and the official first team trainer Tom Olifiers, Wieke Bakens, Appie van Dinther, Dre Remmers, Piet Schipperheyn, Bert van de Berg, Rinus van de Peet, Jack Lamers and goalkeeper Hans van Egmond. Despite a shock early defeat, Wilhelmina proved to be simply to strong and powerful for all comers and at times raised little more than a canter throughout the season to easily claim the Fourth Division title with a marvellous return of 158 goals in just eighteen rounds (average = nine goals per round).*

**FIRST TEAM 1954**

Back row (left to right): *P.Schipperheyn, R.Rubens, A.van Dinther, T.Olifiers, J.Stekelenburg, G. v.d.Berg.* Front: *R. v.d.Peet, J.Lamers, B.v.d.Berg, J.Teuben, D.Remmers.*

*In a carbon copy of the previous season, once again all opposition was easily brushed aside with a minimum of fuss as the Third Division crown was secured in 1955.*

**DIVISION THREE - Final table 1955**

Season consisting of 18 rounds

Wins/Drawn/Lost Goals For/Against/ Points

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| WILHELMINA | 18 | 0 | 0 | 114-10-36 |
| HELLENIC | 14 | 2 | 2 | 80-22-30 |
| SANDRINGHAM | 11 | 3 | 4 | 61-29-25 |
| SUNSHINE CITY | 8 | 1 | 9 | 46-53-17 |
| DANDENONG | 8 | 1 | 9 | 45-58-17 |
| RICHMOND | 7 | 1 | 10 | 39-52-15 |
| WILLIAMSTOWN | 6 | 2 | 10 | 34-39-14 |
| F.N.D | 4 | 2 | 12 | 32-92-10 |
| FRANKSTON | 4 | 1 | 13 | 27-62- 9 |
| MOORABBIN | 4 | 0 | 14 | 28-91- 8 |

*With word filtering through to elite First Division clubs that a major force was knocking on the door, Wilhelmina once again set their sight on claiming yet another championship. With Dutch immigration reaching it's highest levels in 1956, the feats of the men in orange quickly spread amongst the hoards of new soccer starved arrivals who were just itching to cheer on their new idols. Having now relocated to Burnley Oval in Richmond, the club continued it's relentless push entering the half way mark of the 56 season undefeated and an odds on certainty to continue the climb, this time to the top of the tree with Victoria's best. With soccer back in Holland still under the umbrella as an amateur sport, the club was given a huge boost because of that status with the arrival of renowned Dutch international, Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere. The flamboyant playmaker capped eight times by his country and a leading force in his club side Willem II's capture of the 1952 Dutch First Division title, was quickly given the star treatment when his wife and two young children were greeted by van Hoboken after their boat docked at Port Melbourne. Having turned his back on a lucrative contract to play in Switzerland after being caught up in a transfer war, with no clearance required he inturn opted to try his luck in Australia to assume the role as Wilhelmina's very first "official" first team coach. While soccer in his new homeland was a far cry from playing in front of crowds in the vicinity of 70,000, Wilhelmina's huge gain only further enhanced the ever growing support base. de Bruyckere was given an interesting introduction to soccer Australian style to say the very least, when he ventured off to his first match in Geelong. While making the long trek in the car, de Bruyckere seemed a rather impressed passenger with the large stem of traffic flow heading in the same direction. When quizzing the president that a big crowd looked likely for the upcoming fixture, van Hoboken quickly pointed out that the abundance of automobiles making the journey were indeed heading to Kardinia Park, the home of Australian Rules football club Geelong not the Wilhelmina verses Geelong encounter which was to be staged on a paddock transformed into a makeshift soccer pitch on the town's outskirts. The shock, horror aside and even with the de Bruyckere presence, the Second Division title was never really in any doubt. In the final analysis, Wilhelmina's League record since the club's official entry to first team ranks in 1954 was simply awesome. From Fourth to First Division in successive seasons with a record of just one loss in 54 matches (that record stretching out to 62 in total if the nine reserve fixtures from the 1953 season are included). While the first three years of first team competition no doubt even had van Hoboken choked with pride and a sense of achievement, one major hindrance had crept into the team, which the president quickly stamped his foot on before it got well and truly got out of control when made aware of the situation. With matches having been won for the majority of the time with nonchalant ease, complacency was always going to be a hindrance. The players well aware of the fact and while a touch arrogant overcame what was now simply assumed a clear cut final result by setting up bets between themselves to see who could predict the final score line and thus collect the "kitty" on offer. There can be no denying that the players many a time threw away much higher score lines to hopefully accommodate their wager and on the odd occasions, tempers became a touch frayed within the playing group on the pounds (currency) gained or indeed pounds lost.*

# ON THE MARCH

*There was no room for gambling on results with Wilhelmina now proudly bunched with Victoria's leading clubs in the First Division. For many of the players who made the sacrifice in the club's infancy to drop out of the First Division, it was a simple case of self gratification and a point proven to the many who had scoffed at their defection. Wilhelmina's first taste of top flight soccer was the pre-season Sun Cup Competition. If there was the slightest doubt that the club was out of it's depth a berth in the final ended any such speculation. Despite losing (a word rarely heard of) the final to the Serbian backed JUST, the team and supporters alike sensed a very promising season was in store. The season also heralded a new home ground (the club's third) with the move to McDonald Reserve in Hawthorn. Set in natural lush green slopes, complete with a quaint cottage on the hill, which doubled as the players changing rooms, there was also more accommodating space with great viewing vantage points for the overflowing crowds to lay claim to. The clubs debut match in the top flight ended in a creditable one all draw against Geelong with Rein Yntema earning the honour as the clubs first goal scorer in Division One. In a season more hectic in pace and overall standard, a creditable final standing of fifth, comprising of eight wins, two draws and eight losses was nothing to be frowned upon. Solid victories over the likes of Box Hill (7-0 & 5-1), Slavia (5-1), and Juventus (5-1) signalled that the club would be all the better for the experience. Yntema lead the way in the goal scoring department with a eleven goal return, finding great support from Piet Schipperheyn and de Bruyckere whom both chipped in with ten goals apiece. While there would be no success in the way of a title at league level, Wilhelmina playing under the banner of Holland in the Craven "A" World Cup tournament, once again sent the fans into a frenzy clinching the final at Olympic Park with a 2-0 victory over Scotland (Brighton) in front of a near capacity crowd (20,000). The significance of the end of season tournament win was more than just a case of some more silverware to add to the collection. The victory left the club on a massive high and the stern belief that if the work was put in over the summer months a strong title challenge was well and truly on the cards. With the First Division tag peeled away and replaced under the new name of the State League at the start of the 1958 season, Wilhelmina turned the talk of their immense promise into an on field reality. After a sterling season that now consisted of an increased four rounds (22 in total), the title chase became a simple case of so close but yet so far as Wilhelmina had to settle for second place behind the competitions dominant force Juventus, with the Italian backed outfit collecting their sixth title in seven seasons. Despite the near miss, the campaign proved to be one full of highlights. Numerous thumping victories were recorded Geelong (7-0) & (11-0), Brighton (10-0) and Hellenic (6-2) but certainly the biggest smile that surely was etched across the face of the Wilhelmina president came in round 17, with the 6-0 demolition of Hakoah, the club's first ever victory over the powerhouse side. Also given that van Hoboken a few years earlier had been informed by the Hakoah president and business colleague Jack Skolnik, that Dutchmen couldn't play, the result was simply a timely reminder that they well and truly could and with some authority.*

Did not happen Holland won in 1956 5-1 over Belgium at the World Cup comp was called the Lackman World Cup

# CLUB SECURES DOCKERTY CUP

*Disappointed by the near miss of the League campaign, Wilhelmina found plenty of consolation and the sweet joy of turning the tables taking out the prestigious Dockerty Cup competition. Having disposed of both Hakoah and Sunshine in the fifth and sixth rounds respectively, the orange machine blasted five goals past a hapless Slavia in a one sided semi final to force a show down with Juventus. In what would prove to be a gripping and pulsating final at Olympic Park it would take two matches to finally produce a winner. Having failed to break the deadlock at the first attempt with no penalty shoot out coming into effect, a replay seven days later was required much to the delight of the fans of both sides, who despite having endured heart thumping and nail biting outbreaks, simply yearned for more. As fans of both sides once again jam packed Olympic Park to the rafters for the second battle, this time a clinical goal from de Bruyckere would prove to be enough and seal delivery of the cup which had first been presented to Carlton United in 1909. While winning the League naturally brought prestige, the Dockerty Cup was looked upon by some as being even more glamorous a title to win at the time. Given a defeat at League level meant there would always be next week to overturn the result, the Cup which was fashioned on the English Football Association Cup competition was simply a case of only the strong survive in it's knockout formula. It would not be all cup glory with the reserves finishing runners up to Hakoah in the Final of the Harry Armstrong Cup. The stellar season was capped of with the inspirational Bill Westerveld awarded the Argus Medal (later to be known as the Fleming Medal) after the club captain was adjudged the League's Best and Fairest Player polling 20 votes.*

**DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS 1958**

Back row (left to right): *A.Sloothak, S.de Bruyckere, H.Petersen, T.Keuken, R.Yntema, A.Luyten, T.Noy, D.Remmers.*
Front: *B.Westerveld, C.Morks, C.Mathyssen.*

# WILHELMINA TRIUMPHS IN STATE LEAGUE

*Spurred on to shed the runners up tag assigned by the near miss six month's earlier, Wilhelmina made sure there would be no second prize coming their way in 1959. After bowing out in the semi finals of the pre-season Sun Cup, League competition was firmly fixed into the players mindset. Blitzing all comers week in week out, the crown was finally secured with a combination of spectacular and highly skilled soccer that had the print media scribes leading with such headlines as* **"Wonderful, Wonderful, Wilhelmina"**. *Boasting an extremely talented array of players such as Cor Morks, Leo Janssen, Add Sloothak, Cor Mathyssen, Arie Luyten, Westerveld, Cor Delgeorge, Tjibbe Keuken, Yntema, Hans Petersen and de Bruyckere the club now proudly boasted the most prominent and star studded side in the State League competition. Seventeen wins, Two draws and just three losses the final equation with a magnificent haul of 86 goals recorded. Luyten, Delgeorge, Keuken and de Bruyckere formed a fearful quartet of goal scoring options with 67 of the goals scored coming from their individual wizardry. Many solid victories were recorded throughout the season with Yarra Park (12-0), Box Hill (6-0), Hakoah (6-1), Polonia (5-2), and Footscray (5-1) the pick of the bunch. Glory though did come at a price and some huge set backs were endured throughout the campaign . Striker Rein Yntema suffered a broken leg while representing Victoria in a tour match against Hungarian champion Ferencvaros at Olympic Park to all but see him sidelined for a long period of the season. Also in need of a plaster cast was Sjel de Bruyckere after fracturing his leg during a league fixture against Hakoah. But the most tragic news though would surround Argus Medal winner, Bill Westerveld. With his arm protruding out of a passenger side car window, his limb was so badly damaged with the vehicle involved in a car accident, that amputation became a required necessity. Despite the handicap which affected his balance while running in full motion, such was his determination he once returned to the playing field. Given the overwhelming mental and physical saturation taken out of the playing squad, while contesting the Dockerty Cup as reigning champion, the competition came to a halt with the team beaten at the quarter final stage. The reserves on the other hand reached the semi finals of the Armstrong Cup bowing out to Polonia (1-0). Wilhelmina opened up the 1960 season with a disappointing loss to JUST in the final of the annual Sun Cup pre-season tournament. Concentrating on the League season ahead coming into the campaign as defending champion, an eight goal scoring spree against Footscray-Capri in round two, once again send out a warning to all clubs that it was business as usual. Unfortunately that warning would be somewhat short lived as a four match stretch without a win (rounds three to six) placed the team in a mid table position. Spurred into action with the season slowly slipping away, victories over Polonia (5-1), Moreland (2-1), Melbourne (5-1) topped off with a thumping seven nil win over Preston with Arie Luyten the star of the demolition with a five goal haul helped to regain some balance and upper table activity. Sensing that despite the form turnaround some new players were needed to keep pace with the leading clubs, van Hoboken introduced a number of new signings midway through the campaign. The most significant of*

No. He played for de Volwijckers (from Noord Amsterdam)

*New batch of arrivals was that of Dick van Alphen. The former Holland "B" international and Ajax midfielder quickly became an instant hit with his highly skilful technique and his superb form also did not go unnoticed with rapid selection in the Victorian State team. He would later go on to represent his new adopted country making a total of 10 appearances scoring one goal for the Socceroos during the late sixties. During 1960 Wilhelmina was never short of Victorian or indeed Australian representatives. Jan de Ruiter, Leo Janssen, Cor Morks, Sjel de Bruyckere, Rein Yntema, Tjibbe Keuken, Cor Mathyssen, Arie Luyten, Hans Petersen and Bill Westerveld all pencilled in for various duties. In the end despite the new injection of blood into the first team set up, Wilhelmina simply failed to show the same strong consistency to defend the title that it had claimed twelve months earlier, left to settle with a final standing of fourth. Still the team had shown more than enough at least to impress English football commentator Bernard Moss, whom after watching the men in orange go through their paces during a brief visit to Australian shores on a "Soccer Pools" promotional visit commented., "Wilhelmina of Melbourne played in such a manner most suited to please the English public". Moss was also convinced when further quizzed "that Wilhelmina was quite capable of topping the tables in the English Second Division".*

*BP car sticker - circa 1961*

*1961 once again saw the club continue to restructure the playing personnel with the early season arrival of striker Leo Beerendonk and midfield duo, Frans van Balkom and Frank Stoffels. Beerendonk quickly showed he was a big stage performer along with a large appetite for goals with a simply awesome display in round seven against Port Melbourne Slavia in a match that was a one stage seemingly lost for all money. Trailing 2-0 and well and truly playing with little system, Beerendonk decided to take matters into his own hands. By the final whistle Wilhelmina had run out winners 8-2 with the striker netting a majestic six goals which still remains as the best haul from any Wilhelmina player in State League competition. Entering into the later half of the season, the championship was well within the bounds of reality. Unfortunately the bare facts of reality hit well and truly home in round 20 with a devastating two nil loss to George Cross which effectively made any aspirations look slim at best. In front of a record home crowd in the last official fixture at McDonald Reserve (round 21), a 2-1 victory over First Division bound Box Hill at least meant the club was still mathematically in the title race. Requiring a solid victory over Polonia in the final round at Olympic Park and inturn for George Cross to slip up, neither result went to plan with the final nil all score line handing Polonia back to back titles with Wilhelmina left to settle for third place behind George Cross who claimed the runners up spot. With the "pleasures and pain" of League competition now in the background, Wilhelmina was left to salvage some pride via the post season cup competitions. The State League Cup, a competition for the top four placed sides was the first mission to be conquered. Drawn against League champions Polonia in the semi finals, a tense struggle finally saw Wilhelmina win through to the final 2-1, after goal keeper Rudi van Altena performed a superb save to thwart a last minute penalty. With George Cross clinching the other semi, a battle of nutrition was set to take place. Entering into the Final as a slight under dog purely by the final League standing, a thumping early goal from Tony Noy was the catalyst in setting the men in orange on the road to victory. Further goals from Stoffels and Jan Bons all bit settled the issue with a final score line of 3-1. The next quest on the agenda was the Dockerty Cup. Having seen off both Box Hill (2-0) and Juventus (3-1) in the earlier rounds, Polonia extracted some revenge for their exit from the State League Cup winning a tight semi final with a final 1-0 score line. With the reserves now left as the sole survivors in cup competition, they gleefully kept the flag flying with a comprehensive 5-2 victory over Polonia to claim the Armstrong Cup having previously been left to settle as the bridesmaid in both 1958 and 59.*

# BOUND FOR RINGWOOD

*1962 was to signal the beginning of a new and exciting era for the club. Having been "tipped off" about a vast sporting complex under development in the Melbourne eastern suburb of Ringwood in 1961, van Hoboken, ever the opportunist and always on the look out to further improve his investment, approached the Ringwood Council chambers with the view of laying claim to the proposed soccer facility. After long and drawn out negotiations within the council chambers, the president was finally given the nod of approval to relocate the club, despite the fact that any soccer complex was at least ten years down the track due to the financial costs involved. The council clearly saw the building of an Australian Rules oval, tennis courts and swimming centre as the main priority for it's constituents and after all soccer was an unknown quantity in the outer eastern belt. Undaunted, van Hoboken approached the council with a counter proposal of funding the soccer development himself and with no objection naturally coming from any counsellor, operation Jubilee Park was set in motion. A piece of dense bushland at the bottom right perimeter of the complex was set aside, though the top left hand side where the present number two oval now sits (opposite the swimming pool complex) was the preferred site. With the help of a vast number of volunteers, whom at first glance of the job ahead saw the whole concept as the foresight of a complete "madman", after all here was a piece of land inhabited by vast varieties of wildlife and completely covered with an abundance of both pine and gum trees. But after the willing and in some cases not so willing drive of blood, sweat and tears, the once overrun*

*setting was know a green oasis, flanked by a state of the art light tower system, with concreted terraces, a vast grandstand and magnificent social facilities. The overall redevelopment did not rid the area completely of it's once bushy setting with a many number of pine trees kept in their original position as a screening for the arena. To complete the whole new restructure, the title Ringwood City was added to the Wilhelmina with the DSC dropped from the club name. This was purely done to appease the council who now saw the club as an avenue of entertainment not only for the Dutch folk, but for all nationalities and the greater community at large. Forty years down the track, the ground is still revered by many as one of the finest complex's in the State and one of the very few ever built without any outside financial assistance.*

# NIGHT OF PURE DELIGHT

**AMPOL CUP WINNERS 1962**

Back row (left to right): *D.van Alphen, L.Janssen, S.de Bruyckere, L.Beerendonk, T.Keuken, J. van der Linden, J.Bons.* Front: *N.Luyt, C.Mathyssen, R.van Altena, H.Vleugels, P.Storimans - absent from photo H.van de Linde.*

*With a new ground and huge opening ceremony waiting in the wings to be officially launched, Wilhelmina made sure it would be a double celebration by clinching the pre-season Ampol Cup tournament held under light at the former South Melbourne Football Ground (Albert Park). Having had to previously settle for second best in both 1957 and 1960 with the competition then under the banner if the Sun Cup, Wilhelmina and fellow finalist George Cross thrilled the 8,000 strong crowd in attendance. Heralded by the press as the "match of the season", both sides entered the half time break with the scores still locked in a deadlock and the contest still very much a wide open affair. A shrewd tactical move by de Bruyckere with the introduction of the fresh and fleet of foot Henny van de Linde instantly swung proceedings, with the substitute finding the back of the net twice, while a fine thumping header from Bons all but looked to have settled the contest. George Cross produced it's well known fighting spirit to reduce the margin and once again place the final very much in limbo. With a touch over three minutes remaining, Wilhelmina fans were left with a rather large lump in their collective throats after Georgie was awarded a penalty with the score line reading 3-2. Cubero, a crafty Spaniard playmaker in the Maltese backed sides line-up, stepped up to the spot only to despairingly watch his attempt on goal brilliantly saved by an acrobatic van Altena. The custodian had once again come to the rescue deservingly earning the reputation as a big game performer of the highest statue. That desperate lunge was certainly well worth it's weight in gold as the club pocketed the 300 pound first prize from an overall purse that contained 700 pounds in total. Wearing an unfamiliar gold and black strip on the night so not to clash with the red and white of George Cross were the following players;*

*Rudi van Altena, Cor Mathyssen, Neville Luyt, Dick van Alphen, Huub Vleugels, Piet Storimans, Leo Beerendonk, Sjel de Bruyckere, Tjibbe Keuken, Jo van de Linden (Henny van de Linde) Jan Bons: reserve keeper (Leo Janssen).*

*The 31st of March 1962, finally signalled the long awaited unveiling of the highly impressive new home ground surroundings at Jubilee Park. Officials from both the local council and Victorian Soccer Federation, along with some 5,000 fans were treated to a carnival atmosphere with marching girls and band music providing the entertainment. With all the fanfare of the traditional cutting of the ribbon complete, it was down to business of League competition with South Melbourne Hellas, though somewhat engulfed in all the pre-match build up, looking to wipe some of the jubilation off many of the faces. But nothing was going to spoil this special day as Wilhelmina put the icing on the cake with a fine 2-1 victory thanks to goals from Jan Bons and Leo Beerendonk. Despite having such impressive new facilities, Jubilee Park was rarely used fixture wise during it's formative years, mainly due to the club being constantly billed in the "match of the week" and thus becoming a near permanent resident of Olympic Park. The first of many visits to the League's show piece coming in round two with a crowd of over ten thousand fans watching George Cross cruise to a comfortable three nil victory. Despite that hiccup, Wilhelmina maintained good consistent form despite being hindered by the unavailability of players on State duty or just as bad players fronting up within less than forty eight hours from representative matches. While most clubs suffered a similar fate, Wilhelmina were not only supplying the State team with player's but the coach as well with de Bruyckere handed the honour by the VSF. The team briefly tasted top of the table status after round 10. That position would be maintained for just one more week after a comfortable 3-1 away victory over Melbourne Hungaria at Wilhelmina old home base of McDonald Reserve. With the championship down to a four horse race as the season entered the home straight, Wilhelmina nosed ahead of Juventus into second place after the round 18 demolition of Moreland. The 9-1 final score line was nothing short of a goal feast with new signing Peter Sas showing his immense worth netting on five occasions while Bill Godthelp and Stoffels also enjoyed the binge with two goals apiece respectively. The push forward continued seven days later with Croatia this time on the end of a 5-1 drubbing with the previous week's goal scorers once again getting into the act. But with just three rounds remaining, Wilhelmina would all but concede the title to Hellas. In a do or die showdown with JUST who also had aspirations of claiming the title, both sides were left to settle with a share of the spoils in a hard fought two all draw. Picking up a further three points in the remaining two fixture (1 win - 1 draw) Wilhelmina for the second season running was left to finish in third place, missing out on second position due to goal difference.*

4,000 is the figure in Dutch Aust. Weekly.

No. Did not win the Aust. Cup. Won the game against Adamstown only.

# WILHELMINA CROWNED AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

*Having made an early exit from the Dockerty Cup with a one nil loss to Croatia, the only hope of any possible glory now lay solely with the Australian Cup. The competition which was based on a knock out format involving clubs from the Victorian top four and their New South Wales counterparts, was a fresh new innovation and certainly an early testing station for a future national competition. Weaving through the maze of early matches, Wilhelmina made sure the Victorian flag was kept flying, clinching a berth in the final against New South Wales outfit Adamstown. Despite the Newcastle (Northern NSW) based club winning the right to host the final, Wilhelmina withstood the overwhelming local support from the large coal mining town to defy the odds with a gutsy 2-1 victory to become the undisputed Australian club champion. In less than a decade the club had gone from the depths of the lower leagues to Australian champion. Severely under the weather after a long night of celebrations, in an act of diplomacy the club once again fronted up less than twenty four hours later for a pre-arranged exhibition match at Crystal Palace (NSW). Well and truly under the weather, many players were quite positive that the round object used during the match was indeed a medicine ball. With the season now in recess the club was rocked to it's very foundations with the news that de Bruyckere was set to depart after a heated dispute with his president. The thought of such a prospect haunted the fans as the news spread like wild fire, but with no amicable settling of the issue de Bruyckere opted to move on joining rival State League high flyer Juventus. With the coaching position now vacant, van Hoboken still seething over the departure acted swiftly to fill the post with the astute Huub Geraerds brought in to take control for the 1963 season. Wilhelmina's long reign of being able to attract good quality players from Holland had also now all but diminished with the world governing body FIFA imposing a ban in an attempt to stop the glut of players simply drifting around the globe plying their trade. Player's once so keen to make the trek down-under now found little reason to make the journey, with the game now a fully run professional sport in their homeland and inturn commanding good money for their services. Undaunted by these new obstacles, van Hoboken reset his sights on gaining seasoned professionals from the United Kingdom. This practice while no doubt raising a few eyebrows at the time, proved in the long term extremely beneficial to the club and an overall boost to the code in this country in general. When asked to reflect on his decision many years later, van Hoboken proudly stated, " The boys that I have brought out and there have been dozens and dozens of them, have all made a great contribution and done extremely well for themselves". So with the days of an all Dutch outfit well and truly a thing of the past, the very first British assault on the club soon took strong effect with the likes of Ollie Norris, Terry Luckhurst (cousin of former English Test cricket opener Brian), and Syd Steele all quickly becoming weekly regulars and prime contributors. Norris was quick to win over the supporters with numerous gutsy performances which would win him the nickname "Brickwall". Norris's never say die approach on many occasions kept his team in the hunt when many a man would have simply thrown in the towel. His determination was never more evident than in a rip-roaring clash with Hellas at Middle Park. With the scores locked at three all and a touch over two minutes of the match remaining, "Brickwall" produced a sizzling over head kick from the edge of the 18 yard area that went thundering into the back of the net to turn what looked a certain draw into a more than memorable victory. Another memorable victory took place just seven days later in round nine when Frank Stoffels went on a goal scoring rampage. His five goal haul in the six nil demolition of the de Bruyckere led Juventus at Jubilee Park had many scribes labelling the midfielder as one of the competitions most accomplished players. Despite such gallant individual deeds of inspiration, Wilhelmina could not repeat the dose when the season was on the line. Having recorded victories over Juventus (2-1), Melbourne Hungaria (3-2) and Hakoah (2-1) between rounds 19 to 21 to lift the side from seventh to fourth, a draw was all that was required against bottom of the table Richmond at Schintler Reserve in the final round of the season to make all but certain of a top four spot. It was not to be as the already relegated German backed outfit with just the two wins for the entire season, registered an upset 1-0 victory and their second success over Wilhelmina for the campaign, leaving the club to rue the missed opportunity and settle for a final standing of fifth (10 wins - two draws - 10 losses) and inturn instant omission from both the State League and the lucrative Australian Cup competitions. The Dockerty Cup would also bring no joy to the club, bowing out at the quarter final stage of the competition.*

**FIRST TEAM 1963**

Back row (left to right): *D.van Alphen, B.Godthelp, N.Luyt, T.Keuken, P.Brouwer, H.Petersen, reserve keeper, S.Steele.* Front: *D.Stobbe, L.Janssen, F.Stoffels, T.Luckhurst, O.Norris.*

# END OF AN ERA

*The period between 1964 and 1966 would undoubtedly see the once powerful reign come to an end. With the once overflowing crowds starting to slowly diminish having become more Australianised in their everyday social life, so to did Wilhelmina's once predictable table standing. In a season of more ups and downs than a public lift, Wilhelmina ended the 64 State League season in the previously unthinkable eighth position. That was despite the superb goal scoring form of both Dick van Alphen (15) and Syd Steele (9) who combined for a total of 24 goals. In the Dockerty Cup the club bowed out in the sixth round after being defeated three nil by Slavia. If 1964 campaign had been a major let down, worse would follow in 1965 with Wilhelmina finishing one place further down the*

*table in ninth place. Before the season had even commenced a bid from reserves coach Paddy Sloan to assume the first team post was flatly dismissed by van Hoboken who opted to keep faith in the now questionable abilities of Geraerds. Sloan who during his long playing career was one of the very first foreigners to play in the Italian Serie "A" competition having spells with both AC Milan and Udinese. The former Republic of Ireland international (5 appearances) had indeed brought a distinguished career record with him when he arrived on Australian shores having apart from his Italian sojourn had spells in England with Tranmere Rovers, Arsenal, Sheffield United and Norwich City. After being overlooked, Sloan opted to look for greener pastures to ply his coaching wisdom. By the time Sloan had unsuccessfully applied for the vacant Australian national team coaching job with the Socceroos in 1976, his list of Victorian clubs for which whom he had gone on to serve included the likes of Hellas, Juventus, Croatia, Slavia, St.Albans, Triestina, Preston Makedonia, Libertas and George Cross. Never able to push any higher than eighth place throughout the 1965 campaign, the ability to string together consist results was all but non existent and the decisive reason behind the struggle to make any real impression. The best result achieved was a 4-1 home victory over International Triestina very early into the piece in round two. Despite what was for the best part fledgling form, the team was still looked upon as a unit capable of giving a solid work out when called upon. Looking for some good solid competition, the Victorian State side ventured to Jubilee Park in early June for a mid-week friendly. Given that the hosts were struggling and the cream of the State was looking to make an impression, Wilhelmina put on without doubt their best ninety minutes of football for the season to record a shock 2-1 victory. Wilhelmina custodian Norm Hobson despite being selected in the Victorian squad opted to serve his club. His cat like presence in the eighteen yard box along with a string of memorable saves earning him the man of the match honours further enhancing his position as first choice State keeper. In the Dockerty Cup, despite a gutsy showing against JUST at Olympic Park, the team made an exit from the competition in round five after losing in extra time having fought back twice to even the ledger. With the writing on the wall that the club was in serious trouble, Geraerds was replaced with club favourite son de Bruyckere returning to take charge. During his time away from the club, de Bruyckere had remained without question one of this country's most gifted players, though he had struggled at club coaching level and that aspect at least was not about to change. The start of the 66 season was in one word "disastrous". Without a single point from the first six matches, the club was well and truly sitting in the cellar and the prospects of recovery were at best not looking overly good. With the defence showing more holes than a slice of Swiss cheese, Peter Aldis, a former English Football Association Cup winner with Aston Villa (2-1 vs Manchester United - 1957) was recruited and immediately upon his arrival placed into the heart of the defence to stop the rot. The move indeed payed immediate dividends as Wilhelmina finally put win number one on the board with a 7-0 trouncing of Lions at Jubilee Park. The win and inclusion of Aldis indeed proved to be the magic tonic needed as consecutive victories over Alexander (1-0) and Slavia (2-0) placed the club within the realms of finally hovering above the relegation zone. Escape they did, with a 3-2 victory over Croatia in round 12 placing Lions at the foot of the table and Wilhelmina to temporary safety one spot higher. Relegation looked certainly well and truly out of the question by round 18 as Wilhelmina lifted themselves to a season high ninth place after a comfortable 3-0 victory over Lions who now looked home and hosed to lose their State League status. Requiring no more than two points in the final four fixtures to make survival a certainty, that equation simply blew out of the window. Defeats to Slavia (1-6), Melbourne (1-3) and Hellas (1-3) coupled with some good results from teams below, meant one thing and one thing only, relegation to the Metropolitan League First Division. The only positive to come out of the season was the scintillating form of Aldis. The solidly built defender despite being under constant pressure week in, week out, was awarded the Argus Medal at seasons end after being adjudged the State League's most outstanding player. The prospect of beginning life in the depths of the League's renowned "Bermuda Triangle" was nothing short of a daunting prospect. After all, many clubs once having made the drop, inevitably never bounce back, let alone recover to see the light of day. Losing State League status resulted in a number of player's opting to move on. The most significant loss being that of Aldis who headed to Lions to take up a coaching role. Dutch coach Jan Bens was handed the tough role of lifting the club from the quagmire having been handed the reins from the axed de Bruyckere who opted to stay at Jubilee Park be it all but brief in a sole playing capacity. Shortly before the half way mark of the season, de Bruyckere made the move back into club coaching taking on the job with State League outfit Croatia. Despite not originally having a coaching position at club level at the start of the 67 season, de Bruyckere was reappointed as coach of the Victorian State team. Having held the post for a number of seasons, de Bruyckere was undoubtedly handed his biggest task to date having to prepare a squad capable of matching it with English giants Manchester United. de Bruyckere did indeed take up the challenge, guiding the Vics to a memorable one all draw at Olympic Park. Bens looked set for a winter of uncertainty with the team simply going through nothing more than the required motions. The arrival of 20 year old English striker Steve Atkins was to prove the lifting force that the team so desperately needed. Making his debut in the round eleven away fixture to Box Hill, Atkins was simply irresistible with a clinical display that saw the diminutive striker land a hat-trick in the final demolition score of 9-0. Atkins ability to both score and provide, quickly saw the team move rapidly up the table and inturn turn the First Division into a two horse race between Wilhelmina and St.Albans. When the two sides met in round 14 ,the Saints had*

Argus ceased publication in 1954/6 Fleming Medal.

**FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS 1967**

Back row (left to right): *M.Plunkett, B.Adam, T.Vowles, B.Wyatt, S.Wilson, S.Steele, J.Bens* (coach). Front: *G.Keuken, N.van Egmond, S.Atkins, H.Vleugels, A.Villiers, reserve keeper.*

*only conceded a paltry eight goals. That meagre total would be all but blown out of the water as Wilhelmina won in a canter (7-0) with Atkins once again in devastating form scoring four goals. All comers were to feel the wrath of the Wilhelmina machine and by round 20 it was all but set in concrete that a return to the State League was on the cards. Despite scraping past Coburg United in a 2-1 victory, Wilhelmina's only challenger had fallen to Springvale City. With a win at Maribyrnong Triestina all but certain to guarantee promotion, the pre match withdrawal of Atkins suddenly had some people doubting that the State League that once again looked so near may well and truly be in reality still so far. Any real concerns were well and truly quashed courteously of 20 year old former Coventry City apprentice Stan Bradley who marked his debut with a stunning hat-trick. The Englishman's goals would prove to be the cutting edge in the 6-0 whitewash as the championship was no finally signed, sealed and delivered. In the final analysis, the arrival of former Crystal Palace apprentice Atkins had indeed been the master stroke with the striker finishing the season with 20 goals from just ten outings. The season was cause for a double celebration as the reserves also clinched the title, going through the campaign undefeated scoring well over the one hundred goals mark. In the end Wilhelmina had finished the season with a remarkable and impressive record of 18 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses, scoring 83 goals and conceding just 16. The gluten of goals spilled over into the Dockerty Cup competition as Wilhelmina marched through the early round with solid victories over Albion Rovers (7-2), Elwood Austria (6-4) and Bell Park (8-2). State League outfit Hakoah though would bring an end to the season after winning a tense quarter final at Middle Park (3-2).*

**FIRST TEAM 1968**

Back row (left to right): *B.Wyatt, B.Thomson, M.Plunkett, S.Wilson, T.Vowles, B.Adam.* Front: *J.Hamlet, J.Feenstra, G.Keuken, H.Vleugels, N.van Egmond, S.Atkins.*

*Returning back to the State League after a one year absence, there was certainly no question that the club was on the look out for consolidation to thwart any possible repeat performance that tore the heart out of the orange shirt in 66. The British influx now a more than steady flow continued with the arrival of former Liverpool star defender Bobby Thomson, along with Graham Bibby and Barry O'Toole. Also coming onboard in the latter stages of the season was former Dutch amateur international Wim "Ted" Spiekerman. The season opened up in the brightest possible way with the club capturing the pre-season round - robin Croydon Cup Tournament after recording a thumping 7 - 0 victory over the host club in the final. With Jubilee Park deemed by both council and VSF officialdom as "unplayable" after suffering the effects of a scorching Melbourne summer, the club was forced to find a short term alternative venue to stage home matches until the baron home strip had at least recovered enough to once again see action. Setting up camp briefly at Middle Park, the home ground loss counted very little as Wilhelmina marked their return to the State League in the best way possible with a 6-1 thrashing of Juventus. Once again the diminutive Atkins was amongst the goals showing he would relish the higher company, though on his occasion he was for a rare occasion overshadowed by a Terry Vowles hat-trick. In a season of stops and starts, the team certainly was rarely never overawed by any opposition and the final standing of seventh ( 8 wins - 6 draws - 8 losses) was a pleasing end result and at least a path of direction had been laid. 1969 would prove to be the clubs last solid challenge to once again win the State League title. Had it not been for a wayward patch towards the end of the season, Wilhelmina would have quite comfortably added the silverware trophy to the club room cabinet. Despite the huge loss of coach Bens who opted to return home to Holland for personnel reasons, the appointment of Les Courtier whom had gained vast experience during stints in South Africa, Argentina, Nigeria and Egypt was seen as a more than suitable replacement. Courtier looked to mould a squad around his very attacking playing style and requested van Hoboken on his advice to make three signings to add some further bite. Winger Fred Bunce, formerly with English club Watford, ex Cardiff City striker Brian Edgeley and midfielder David Pygal (Watford) were all hand picked by Courtier with the trio plying their trade in South Africa with Highlands Park (Bunce and Pygall) and Cape town (Edgeley) respectively. Bunce was looked upon as a masterful signing having been a seasoned professional in the tough English league. The former England Youth international spent a total of eight seasons with Watford enjoying possibly his best season in 1964 with a superb return of 22 goals. Pygall on the other hand decided against a move into the newly formed professional set up in the United States opting to make the move down under with his close friend Bunce. Also brought into the line-up was Scottish keeper John Kennedy (Arniston/Armadale Thistle) who displaced Nick van Egmond as first choice between the sticks. Unfortunately for the incoming custodian, a hand injury early into the season handed back van Egmond the number one spot. Kennedy would go on to make more of a mark after departing Wilhelmina, playing with the likes of Alexander, Melbourne, South Melbourne and New South Wales outfit APIA. With just the one defeat up to round 14, Wilhelmina was firmly sitting pretty at the top of the table with twin strikers Edgeley and Spiekerman constantly finding the mark, earning the duo the reputation as the most feared combination in the League. With the promise to each player that a European tour was on offer if the championship could be brought to Jubilee Park, a case of stage fright suddenly hit the team well and truly for a six. Between rounds 15 and 22 just two more wins were achieved and top spot which held been held for eighteen weeks suddenly evaporated. In the end third place was seen as a major disaster and van Hoboken duly cancelled any plans of an overseas jaunt. The seasons goal scoring efforts of Spiekerman did not go unrewarded taking out the League's top goal scorer award with an 18 goal haul, highlighted by a five goal helping against Hellas in round eleven. With only the Dockerty Cup competition left to focus on, a 1-0 loss to Croatia in*

*the semi finals ended a season which looked set to promise so much but in the end delivered very little. Some club pride though was salvaged with the reserves clinching their second Armstrong Cup trophy after defeating Croatia in the final 2-1.*

# THE UNCERTAIN 70's

**FIRST TEAM 1970**

Back row (left to right): *D.Pygall, R.Bailey, B.Adam, M.Pye, D.Ward, W.Spiekerman.* Front: *F.Bunce, M.Tektas, R.Bens, B.Edgeley* (coach) *B.O'Toole, N.van Egmond.*

*1970 heralded a dawn of a new and exciting era in Victorian soccer with commercial television network GTV Channel Nine giving the code a real shot in the arm with live coverage each Saturday afternoon via the "match of the round" show. With crowds continually dwindling away season by season, having the code exposed to the entire general public many of whom saw the game as nothing more than an "ethnic pass time" was simply seen as a sheer necessity to keep the game alive. Wilhelmina would have to wait until round 20 to make it's long awaited television debut, unfortunately going down 2-3 to Juventus at Olympic Park. For the second season in a row, personal family reasons once again saw the Wilhelmina coaching position change hands. With Courtier forced to depart, striker Brian Edgeley was appointed to take over the mantle as playing coach with the tough assignment of regrouping the players who were still somewhat scared by the events of the previous campaign. Edgeley's wand was certainly waving the right kind of magic early into the season and it clearly looked as though the players had well and truly put behind them the previous capitulation. The coach led from the front scoring a double in the space of just two minutes against Melbourne Hungaria (2-0) taking the club to the top of the table after round two. That would be as high as the team would reach hovering around middle table for the majority of the season with a final standing of sixth. The ugly side of soccer raised it's head in round four when striker Wim Spiekerman was struck fiercely on the head by a flying full can of beer from an irate Croatian supporter (vs Croatia). Having safely seen off fellow State League outfit Port Melbourne Slavia in the fourth round of the Dockerty Cup courtesy of goals from Syd Steele and Allen Villiers, all looked good after being drawn against Metropolitan League side Keilor City in the quarter finals of the competition. Unfortunately for Wilhelmina, Keilor did not allow the script to go as planned recording a shock upset with a comprehensive 3-1 victory. Brilliant linkman David Pygall at least brought some reason to cheer again, taking out the Bill Fleming medal after being adjudged the State League's most outstanding player of the season. With obvious signs of worry creeping into the mind of van Hoboken that the current crop of players were not capable of taking the club back into the upper echelons, club secretary Fred Hutchinson was sent on a scouting mission to the United Kingdom with the simple agenda of bringing back as many quality players as possible to bolster the squad. van Hoboken's sentiments of concern were contrary to that of Fleming medallist Pygall whom believed the squad was capable of performing, but was in need of a higher stage in the form of a National competition. Winger Keith Cockburn whom had English League experience with both Grimsby Town and Bradford City and striker Peter Ollerton formerly with both Bradford and Wrexham were to be the secretary's prime catches having originally responded to a newspaper advertisement placed throughout the British press tabloids. Also cast into the net was Scottish midfielder Brian Thom (Hearts) and Dutchman Rudi Muskee. Towards the end of the season, the signature of former Scottish international, Bobby Collins was also captured in what was seen by many as a major coup and at the time the most notable player ever brought to this country. The then 39 year old former Leeds United captain , capped 55 times by his country was indeed the most highly priced player to ever venture down under. A reported fee of 20,000 dollars was used as the lure to win Collins services, a figure that clearly indicated that van Hoboken was willing to put up any amount to get what he considered was the best. In the end though, that lay out would prove squandered as Collins rarely moved out of first gear after making his debut in round 17 as a player and struggled equally when he later turned his hand to coaching. Appointed coach at the start of the 71 season, Jack Feenstra would last just eleven rounds. With ill health setting in and the club sitting in 11th place just shy of bottom spot, Feenstra was left with no other alternative but to resign or be unceremoniously axed. van Hoboken excepted his resignation without hesitation. Despite having a disastrous stint last time at the helm of the club, de Bruyckere was once again installed by the president to set the ship back on course. Slowly but surely the tide of results went according to plan and de Bruyckere had indeed done what was requested, taking the club to a more than creditable fifth place given the poor start. The reserves once again captured the Armstrong Cup for the second time in the space of three seasons.*

**FIRST TEAM 1971**

Back row (left to right): *N.van Egmond, D.Garthwaite, M.Lynn, T.Carmichael, D.Pygall, B.Adam, D.Ward, S.de Bruyckere* (coach). Front: *K.Cockburn, B.Collins, P.Ollerton, T.Luckhurst, M.Pye, R.Muskee.*

*Despite turning the club's fortunes around, de Bruyckere was overlooked for the coaching position for the 1972 season, with Collins handed the mantle. That season would see three coaches taking the reins as results were simply as scarce as hens teeth. van Hoboken finally conceded that the personalities of both Collins and himself were like two atom bombs colliding and opted to release the Scotsman early into the campaign and handed the post to Cliff Portwood. Collins departure was not just a simple case of a man packing his suitcases and heading back home. A number of players decided to toast off Collins with a hefty drinking session. Having got wind of the night on the town, the President sacked the quartet of players seen with Collins for showing a "lack of professionalism" Portwood best known as an entertainer (crooner) on numerous television variety shows (i.e. The Penthouse Club - Channel 7) and also a recording artist of some note more than his coaching exploits failed to hit the right note as far as van Hoboken was concerned and inturn he too was quickly dispelled with. Reserves coach and a former star player during the 1960's with Australia, Victoria and George Cross, Archie Campbell was in the end left to clean up the so called mess of his predecessors in a caretaker role. With a minimum of fuss, he safely guided the team away from the relegation zone into eighth place by seasons end. With the first team charges safe for another year, Campbell returned back to take control of the reserves for the Armstrong Cup, successfully guiding the side to back to back titles. Given the coaching fiasco of the previous season, highly respected Victorian State coach Ken Kontra was handed the reins for the 1973 season having been the standout in a long list of potential candidates. The decision to appoint Kontra indeed paid immediate dividends as he guided the club somewhat unexpectedly through to the final of the pre-season Ampol Cup tournament. Having finished second in group "B", (each group consisting of three teams by four groups) the club made sure of a final berth recording a gutsy 1-0 victory over Juventus in the semi finals. Unfortunately the final would prove just to be out of the club's reach with Melbourne Hungaria taking the title after securing a 3-2 victory. Wilhelmina's Ampol Cup Final line-up was as follows:*

*Carmichael, Pye, Ward, McGinn, Garthwaite, Smith, Ollerton, Alexander, Thom (Williamson) Cole (Mullett) Muskee.*

*Unperturbed by that loss, the team opened up the League season all guns a blazing with Box Hill on the end of a four nil thrashing. Having lead the club goal scorers list for the past two seasons (11 - 1971 / 14 - 1972), the double to Ollerton on the opening weekend of the new campaign would prove to be his last goals in an "orange" shirt. The one time free transfer from England via a newspaper advert had simply become hot property throughout Australian soccer circles and his talented services were secured by New South Wales outfit Apia with the lure of a healthy contract early into the season. The move in the end was plainly a further stepping stone in the strikers career with international honour at the highest level, the 1974 World Cup. In total Ollerton would go on to represent Australia on 55 occasions scoring 20 goals. Later after serving a somewhat controversial ten year ban which brought his playing career to an unexpected early end, he turned to coaching. Despite the loss of Ollerton, the likes of Colin Alexander and Syd Steele took up the slack to keep the club in the leading pack. Reaching a season high of third at the end of round 14, the tide of fortunes took a turn for the worse with the campaign very much looking one of promise and potential. A European jaunt by Kontra at the business end of the season suddenly reversed proceedings. Despite the vain attempts by caretaker coach Fred Bunce to ease the slip, a disappointing seventh place was a bitter pill to swallow given that the team had hovered for the majority of the season in or around the top four. The luck or lack of during the last month of the campaign was possibly best summed up in round 19, when despite knocking seven goals past Hellas at Jubilee Park, it still would prove not enough having to settle for an astonishing seven all draw. The club suffered their second loss of the season in cup competition to Melbourne losing by the solitary goal in the quarter finals of the Dockerty Cup. The reserves once again enjoyed a marvellous run in the Armstrong Cup but were thwarted from making it a hat-trick of titles after falling to Polonia at the semi final stage of the competition. Wayward form and inconsistency that had plagued the team towards the end of the 73 campaign once again raised it's head, effectively halting the team's prospects in 1974. In the end seventh place for the second season running was in some ways a flattering finish given that a final flurry towards the end of the season all but averted a spot in the bottom three. Local derbies were also on the agenda for the first time with Mooroolbark United promoted as champions of the First Division, a threat to the once dominant force in the Eastern suburbs. But the once wide gap that existed in the East was quickly starting to close in. Wilhelmina survived the first bout with both clashes ending in one all draws and remained slightly the more superior team in the area finishing four places higher on the League table. The reserves once again continued to be a real cause of celebration clinching the title finishing five points clear of George Cross. While League form was questionable, the club would enjoy a marvellous Dockerty Cup run rewarded with a berth in the final. Having cast aside Melbourne (2-0) Hakoah (2-0) and Fitzroy United Alexander (4-2) the final hurdle would prove to much in the end with Hellas recording a comfortable 4-1 victory to secure the League and Cup double. A run of the mill season is the only way to describe 1975. Despite the addition of talented English trio Chris Kent, Keith Adams (Sunderland) and John O'Callaghan (Fulham), the sparks simply did not ignite, mainly due to bizarre methods of discipline by coach Trevor Owen. Looking to changes the fortunes, Owen reverted to a savage counter attack on his players prior to the round eleven meeting with Hakoah. Wielding the axe, the coach dumped six first team members, Gary Cole, Kent, Phil Williamson, David Garthwaite, Phil Holding and Adams due to what he described a "lack of fitness". With all six banished to the reserves, a mass influx of young draftees were given an unexpected first team call up. The old saying that "every cloud has a silver lining" rang true with seventeen year old rookie Ron Verniers gaining glowing reviews in the eventual 2-0 defeat. Verniers a highly decorated junior having represented Victoria at numerous under age levels would go on to give the club over two decades of superb service as a player, captain and for a brief time as a caretaker coach. Owen's continued persistence to enforce extreme measures caused a lot of unnecessary team harmony which led to bad press about the club both on and off the field. Subsequently the relationship with his president was at best strained, but remarkably given similar scenarios, he kept steadfast throughout in his ideals to see out the entire campaign. 1975 also signalled the year that Mooroolbark overtook Wilhelmina's mantle as the leading club in the area after inflicting two defeats against the men in orange (1-0, 2-1).*

*The Barker's would also finish a lot higher (3rd) than Wilhelmina's final standing of eleventh to rub further salt into the wound. 1976 was always going to be a season of some struggle, certainly not helped by the pre-season departure of a young blonde striker by the name of Gary Cole. Having originally joined the club in 1972 from South Yarra, his departure for a minimal fee to Fitzroy United Alexander (later to be known as Heidelberg) would see his career blossom into on of this country's real success stories. By the time Cole's playing career finally came to an end in 1986 he had chalked up 246 National League appearances with the superb return of 109 goals for both Heidelberg 1977-83 (177 appearances / 88 goals) and Preston 84-86 (69 appearances / 21 goals). A virtual ever present in the Victorian State team, he would progress on to the international stage, making a total of 40 appearances, scoring 20 goals for his country. Fittingly he produced one of his best Socceroos performances in his home state of Melbourne during the 1981 Oceania Group World Cup qualifiers. His seven goal haul in the demolition of Fiji at Olympic Park making sure his name would be always well placed in this country's individual achievements. Off the field he has also enjoyed varied amounts of success coaching at club level with a stint at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and the Victorian State team.*

*Gary Cole - 1977 Scanlen soccer card.*

*Another notable departure was that of Victorian representative Mike Pye with the defender/midfielder opting to move to South Melbourne Hellas. The tenure of Owen as first team coach was finally severed by round four of the 76 season after van Hoboken gave him the simple alternative, either jump or else be pushed. The pair had been at loggerheads for some time when the pressure cooker in the form of van Hoboken finally exploded. Owen opted to test the presidents hand and was inturn as promised dismissed. Former keeper Rudi van Altena was handed the reins in a brief caretaker capacity until the official appointment of another former Wilhelmina, Victorian and Australian custodian Norm Hobson. Hobson, who chalked up over 250 League appearances with English side Shrewsbury Town prior to coming to Australia had coached the season prior at Croydon City winning plenty of admirers with his flair and style. Despite having what seemed a more than capable squad on paper with likes of Mike Lynn, John O'Callaghan, John Luyten and Bobby Smith, a final standing of ninth was a very slight improvement on the previous campaign. The year also signalled the end of live television coverage on Channel Nine. The station decided to pull the pin on the Saturday afternoon show hosted by the charismatic Tony Charlton simply seeing the State League competition now as nothing more than a second class product with the newly created Phillips National League set to take over the mantle as the premier round ball competition in 1977. The final round 22 fixture between Preston Makedonia and Wilhelmina would inturn become the final ever State League match broadcast live on network television in Melbourne. Having finished last in the pre season Ampol Cup, there would be no joy either in the Dockerty Cup. After doing simply what was required to see off Metropolitan League Division Two side Princess Park Hercules (2-0) in the third round, Wilhelmina was drawn to meet local rivals Mooroolbark in the fourth round. The Barkers were completely dominant throughout the tie going on to win two nil. On a positive side, the reserves tremendous run in the Armstrong Cup once again continued. Having easily seen of all challengers in the earlier rounds, the team advanced through to the semi finals of the competition. In a nail biting encounter against an extremely strong Hellas line up, the Greek backed outfit went on to finally win the tie 1-0. For the third time in the club's history an Armstrong Cup semi final had been lost by the barest of margins. Reappointed as coach for the 1977 season, the Wilhelmina coaching "curse" did not evade Hobson who was simply shown the door after failing to make any impression on the league which had been made considerably weaker with the exodus of a number of clubs and players to the newly formed National League . Having previously had a stint as caretaker coach in 1973, Fred Bunce was appointed to replace Hobson. 1977 would prove to be a season best remembered for two varied reasons, the exploits of English import Andy Scott and a players pay dispute. With the loss of key strikers Mike Lynn and Chris Kent to Croydon City and South Melbourne Hellas respectively, the former Bury striker Scott, who along with one time Bolton Wanderers midfielder and close friend David Jones joined the club early into the season with both showing immediate impact and inturn more than offsetting the pre-season departures. Scott showed that he would be a feared foe when he demolished a star studded Essendon Lions line up in round three with a superb four goal haul in the 4-2 victory at Jubilee Park. By mid season both Scott and Jones were no more, after failing to resolve a contractual dispute the duo simply boarded a plane back home to the United Kingdom. Scott's loss would prove to be substantial with the striker polling five best on ground performances in the end of season Rothmans Medal count finishing with an overall total of 17 votes despite having made just nine appearances. Having suffered a then record and horrendous (1-8) loss to George Cross in round 14, van Hoboken was left seething and breathing fire. With tensions now running high, the president called a meeting with the entire playing staff to discuss the match payment arrangements. Having set in place a wage tier for a win, loss or draw, the players simply were no longer happy with the pay scale. The overwhelming majority opted to put forward a flat rate of twenty dollars, regardless of the outcome which van Hoboken flatly refused to accept. In the end after much deliberation, the players were given a small increase in a tier form. Having once again endured a poor run of form in the pre-season Ampol Cup finishing last in Group " A ", Provisional League minnows Williamstown almost caused the upset of the Dockerty Cup in their Third round clash with Wilhelmina. With scores locked at two all, the match entered extra time with Wilhelmina's superior fitness seeing it gratefully over the line. Despite really giving a solid account, Green Gully Ajax was simply to big a mountain to climb in round four of the cup (1-2). Having finished the 77 season in eighth place, the club entered into the*

*1978 campaign having bolstered the playing ranks with a number of inclusions from the doomed Mooroolbark United venture into the National competition the season before. Keeper Paul Wilding and former Wilhelmina striker Brian Thom both made the short move across from Esther Park, while Gary Groenewald formerly on the books with Hellas, Melbourne and Hakoah and dubbed by some pundits as the "Little Pele", was another addition to the squad. Also added early into the season was blonde haired midfielder Willie Coulson whom had spent a couple of years plying his trade in Hong Kong with the Eastern club. The Englishman whom had played with the likes of Newcastle United, Southend United, Aldershot, Huddersfield Town and Darlington prior to his Asian adventure, was in hot water soon after his arrival with van Hoboken, not because of his playing ability but due to the long hair that he supported. Like many imports before, Coulson had been set up with employment via van Hoboken's sporting company and simply told, "cut your hair or leave" or words to that effect. Prior to the round 18 clash with Preston Makedonia, with the hair still long and flowing, he was sacked from his place of employment and despite being left somewhat high and dry, opted to see out the remainder of the season fulfilling his playing contract. Despite the new inclusions Bunce was still not at all convinced that his side was still up to scratch to cut it in the State League. Given that the pre season Ampol Cup was a timely reminder that much improvement was still needed after finishing near the foot of the section "B" table, the early season League results certainly reinforced that Bunce was well and truly on the money. It would take until round nine to register the first long awaited victory which would inturn be the undoubted upset of the season. Facing the daunting task of going head to head with a powerful Essendon Croatia outfit on their home turf of Olympic Park and with an unbeaten record, it looked simply like another gloomy Sunday was in store given the wide gulf between the two teams. Fielding a formidable line-up which all but resembled a Victorian State side, Croatia's talent pool was certainly deep with players of the calibre of John Gardiner, Steve Kokoska, Alan Kerr, Kenny Murphy, Branko Culina, Tommy Cumming, Eddie Krncevic and Carl Gilder. A Brian Thom goal would land Wilhelmina the most unexpected 1-0 victory and completely throw the form book well and truly out of the window. After long and hard celebrations, the club was rocked with the news that English striker Trevor Morgan had decided on the spur of the moment to board a plane and return home just four days after arriving in the country. Stating that he was "homesick" as the reason behind his decision, a furious van Hoboken publicly announced to all and sundry that "no more players from overseas's and especially Britain will ever again come to play for Wilhelmina". The statement was more of a message of frustration rather than anything else with his flourishing import system never really threatened in the final context. The result against Croatia spurred the team onto a complete form reversal with a five match unbeaten run that lifted the side from last on the table to ninth (Altona City 1-1, Prahran Slavia 2-1, Sunshine City 0-0, Albion Leyland 2-2). But just when things looked a whole lot greener, the dark skies once again reappeared. Gaining just the one point from the final eight fixtures signalled that life in the State League was indeed drawing to an end. Having endured a number of near misses in previous seasons, there would be no Houdini act this time around. Like many coaches in the past, Bunce would fail to see out the season, axed after round 17 after a disagreement with van Hoboken. Bunce had earlier threatened to walk, prior to the half way point of the season after learning that Sjel de Bruyckere had been secretly lined up to take over the coaching role in 1979, regardless of what unfolded. But instead of throwing in the towel, Bunce simply stated "I will quit once we are safe of relegation". That option would never come to fruition with Brian Carnaby elevated into a caretaker coaching role. With the Dockerty Cup left to at least leave some sort of impression, a scrappy quarter final victory left the clubs faithful not overly confident of progressing to much further. When the semi final draw matched Wilhelmina with Essendon Croatia it looked set to be a case of how far Croatia. Given Wilhelmina had upstaged the Victorian powerhouse once during the season, the thought of that kind of scenario repeating itself looked extremely remote. In a true "David and Goliath" encounter, Brian Thom who had previously been the curse of Croatia in round nine of the league season, popped up again to give Wilhelmina a shock lead in the 37th minute. Despite being placed under increased pressure as the match wore on, Mike Kupinic extended the lead in the 74th minute after slotting the ball past Croatia keeper Yakka Banovic. Despite a quick reply sixty seconds later from substitute Branko Culina, the mighty would once again fall as Wilhelmina booked a final berth with a 2-1 final score line. Just George Cross now stood in the way of a remarkable cup triumph. In front of a 3,000 strong crowd at Olympic Park, Wilhelmina came from behind twice to take the match down to the wire with goals from John O'Callaghan in the 45th and David Garthwaite in the 85th minutes respectively. Having to play the entire second half with just ten men after the sending off of Thom in the 43rd minute, the fairytale was finally over four minutes from full time. Georgie striker Ken Read netted his third goal for the afternoon with what would prove to be the match winning goal. The Dockerty Cup Final line-up was as follows:*

*Wilding, Adams, Garthwaite, Carnaby, B. Bruyckere, Barbour, O'Callaghan, Anderson (Verniers) Kupinic, Plumb, Thom (s/off 43).*

*Unlike 1967, there would be no instant return to the State League forthcoming in 1979. Having been technically appointed half way through the season prior, de Bruyckere entered into his fourth stint as coach, having enjoyed varied success with the likes of Green Gully and Preston Makedonia, as well as Victorian State side duties during his time away. As was highly predictable, a number of the more senior players opted to move on looking to continue their careers in the State League rather than endure First Division football. Losing the likes of Keith Adams (Essendon Croatia) Brian Thom (George Cross) Willie Coulson (Frankston City) and David Garthwaite (Preston) left considerable holes and vulnerability within the playing structure. The usual British influx made up the majority of the new signings to arrive at Jubilee Park. Ian Greener, Robert Malt, Alex Anderson and David Deakin were just a sprinkling of the new players. After falling as low as eighth by round seven, a rapid upward climb took shape. But inability to string together results on a regular basis effectively meant that the team was never going to ever challenge for promotion despite reaching a season high of second after round 12. The final standing of fourth in the end was a satisfactory outcome. There was no denying that the team did possess immense potential when completely switched on. That certainly was never more evident after recording a resounding 4-1 victory over eventual First Division champions, Western Suburbs to take out the final of the Tommy Burns Memorial Cup,*

*a knockout competition solely open to Metropolitan League sides. In the Dockerty Cup, after recording a solid 3-0 victory over fellow First Division unit Moreland in the First main round, Wilhelmina landed the powerful Essendon Croatia in round two. Despite a gutsy performance, the Croatian outfit simply proved this time around to big a hurdle to jump with a Carl Gilder double the major catalyst in the final 3-1 score line. The introduction of the "two up-two down" system by the VSF hierarchy in 1980 would prove to be a godsend and blessing in disguise to the club. Despite never throughout the season dropping any lower than fourth on the table, Doveton was clearly the First Division runaway train and raced full steam to the title. Had the structure of previous seasons been in place, then it would have proven to be a case of so near yet so far as Wilhelmina were never budged from second place after round sixteen. Weary of a return to the State League with a substandard squad, the net was cast once again in Britain and beyond to recruit new reinforcements. Defender David Brooks (Rossendale United /Bury), goalkeeper Les Fearn and forwards Paul O'Riley (Eastern/Hong Kong) and Brian Sinclair were all shipped into the fray. Veteran Brian Thom also returned to the club via George Cross after a two year absence. With an assignment of stability and survival the main criteria, a somewhat up and down start to the season saw the team in all sorts of trouble in the lower regions of the table despite the fact there was quite clearly the makings of a good unit. Having been absolutely toyed with away to Green Gully in round five (0-5) the team turned the tables the following week taking Brunswick Juventus to the cleaners with a comprehensive four nil win. The first ever Ringwood/Croydon State League derby took place in round eight at the pokey sized Croydon Town Park. Croydon having lived for so many years in the shadows of Wilhelmina, showed very little sentiment in the first meeting with a five nil hammering while the second encounter in round 19 would end in a one all draw. The club's State League status was well and truly hanging by the proverbial thread as the club slipped to second last (11th) on the table after a resounding 6-1 defeat at the hands of Essendon Croatia in round 18. With the club now at a crisis point, something special would needed to be found if the club was to avoid the drop and return straight back to Division One. In a dramatic form reversal, the players dug deep within themselves to win three of the final four fixtures (Altona City 4-2, Sunshine City 2-0, Northcote City 1-0) which inturn surged the team well and truly up the table with a superb final result of sixth place. In the Dockerty Cup, Wilhelmina bowed out at the quarter final stage after losing 2-3 to Altona City at Jubilee Park. Intent to build on that whirlwind final stanza the season before, there was a ferocious pre-season import frenzy with an initial nine new faces arriving at Jubilee Park. For van Hoboken it still made good business sense to attract players from overseas rather than the local market which had inflated prices that more times than not priced clubs out of pursuing any further interest. Goalkeeper Ken Barclay (Linfield), Kenny Stewart (Tobermore) both Northern Ireland, David Hoyland (Hayworth Colliery /Doncaster Rovers), David Gibson (Scunthorpe United), Barry Burton, Tony McDermott (Preston North End) all from England and Hank Stroes (AZ Alkmaar /Holland) made up the overseas contingent, while former New Zealand international Billy de Graaf (Wollongong City / NSL) and Joe Tront were the rare local based players signed. Both Barclay and Tront were the standout signings coming onboard with solid credentials. Barclay had spent a number of seasons playing in the Irish First Division in which time enabled him to enjoy the spoils of playing regularly in European Cup competition. Tront, a regular Victorian State team representative, also possessed a more than impressive club portfolio with spells at Mooroolbark, Croydon, Heidelberg and Melbourne Croatia. The midfielder having originally ventured to Australia from Scotland were he played with both Alloa Athletic and Raith Rovers. The number of new recruits entered into double figures early into the season with the arrival of another import, striker Joe Carroll whom had played with the likes of Oldham Athletic and Halifax Town in England before joining KPV in Finland. The losses to the squad though large in quality were minimal in numbers with Ian Greener, John O'Callaghan and Brian Sinclair moving on. Despite the large influx, the danger that a gelling process would hinder the campaign was proven correct with results harder to pick than winning lottery numbers.*

**FIRST TEAM 1982**

Back row (left to right): *S.de Bruyckere (coach), P.O'Riley, D.Pasmans, J.Groenewald, J.Nyholt, B.Thom, C.Bravo, K.Stewart.*
Front: *D.Gibson, J.Luyten, M.Crozier, R.Verniers, B.de Graaf, D.Brooks, K.Barclay.*

*Also with the season stretched out to twenty six rounds the new extended format was always's going to suit the more powerful clubs with overflowing squad lists (i.e. Morwell Falcons, Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully). The ability though to upstage Melbourne Croatia in it's former guise Essendon in the past once again provided a major highlight be it a rare one. The round 13 away fixture at Olympic Park as previous encounters had been, were matches were a hiding was never really out of the question given the table standings. But then again expecting the unexpected had been a common trait for the club especially where Croatia was concerned. Croatia keeper Peter Blasby who would go on to be named in the club's team of the century some twenty years later was powerless to stop Joe Carroll's effort on goal with that strike proving to be the match winner. That huge victory unfortunately did very little to enhance the clubs future performance levels with just the one win and three draws forthcoming in the second half of the season. Reaching a season high of eighth at round 17, the final resting place would be 13th. Normally such a standing would result in relegation, but with the merging of George Cross with Sunshine City announced just prior to seasons end, only the one relegation spot was deemed necessary much to the clubs relief. In the Dockerty Cup it would prove to be an early exit from the competition after losing to Brunswick Juventus in a seven goal thriller. The end of the 82 campaign also signalled the end of the long and at times turbulent reign of van Hoboken as*

*president. Having held the post for which his very own hands had created some thirty years earlier, the decision to relinquish his interests was brought about after suffering huge financial losses within his business interests which had placed him on the brink of bankruptcy. While his pending departure was the dawn of a new era, his shoes would be extremely hard to fill and as time has unfolded no incoming president has come with the proverbial mile of achieving the success that he manufactured. During his reign numerous League and Cup titles were won with only his record from a playing prospective tarnished with relegation in 1966 and 78. Having taken the club to State League status in the blink of an eye, under his control the two slip ups were quickly rectified with any danger of slipping any further down the mire never in the equation. But it was never going to be a simple straight forward hand over deal and never a direct sale. Twenty five thousand dollars to be paid in instalments and subject to the club obtaining sponsorship to the value of at least twenty thousand dollars per season were the major outlined stipulations on the single page contract. Should the club fail to gain the sponsorship in any season thereafter, the contract would become null and void with van Hoboken once again able to take up the chain of command. While the $25,000 figure was to cover his expenses in regards to players he had invested in, that very figure was to be reduced should players be sold with all proceeds handed over. That clause was more than tested when striker Joe Carroll was sold to National League outfit Footscray JUST. The now former president claiming that Carroll was under his own personal contract and thus not coming under the terms of the original handing over contract, meant that despite being paid up in full, not one cent of the Carroll transfer fee would ever see the light of day at Jubilee Park. With the club for the very first time in it's history able to elect a president via the club members, an interim committee was initially formed to oversee the changing of the guard. One of the very first to feel the effects of the new change was Sjel de Bruyckere who was not reappointed as coach with the position going to veteran goalkeeper Nick van Egmond. Bill Wannett was elected the first ever democratically voted president and his first main motion on the agenda was to make sure no skeletons had been left in the cupboard. The sweeping broom of new change meant a new optimism had surfaced around the club. But the departure of striker Paul O'Riley proved a testament that despite the wholesale winds of change some skeletons had remained dormant. O'Riley opted to retire after being involved in a five month battle with the outgoing president over a one thousand dollar lump sum payment. O'Riley whom had first ventured to Australian shores in 1977 to play with Mooroolbark in the National League, having previously had spells in England with Hull City (7 years), Scunthorpe United, Barnsley and Southport, opted to join Wilhelmina (81) despite attempts from the likes of George Cross to secure his services after a two year spell in Hong Kong. After just a couple of appearances early into the 83 season, O'Riley made his departure after receiving just half of his original promised figure. On a positive note given the departures and the circumstances surrounding them, was the arrival of Western Australian based forward Neil Garvey mid way into the season. With Kenny Stewart left to play at times a lone role in attack, the pairing with Garvey soon saw goals surface with some regularity after going through a patch of seven matches between rounds 6 to 12 without having found the back of the net. Round 13 produced the clubs best result of the season with a 4 - 2 victory over Hellas / Hakoah alliance. Just when the tide of earlier poor results had been somewhat forgotten, both Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax back to back would prove to be a timely reminder of just how far the club was away from being anything more than cannon fodder if the system fell apart. After being completely mesmerised by Croatia in round 16 at Olympic Park losing (1-5) a shell shocked squad was once again placed on the rack seven days later with even more humiliating consequences. In what would prove to be one of the very dark days in the clubs history, the severe 8-0 hammering at the hands of eventual League champion Ajax at Green Gully Reserve had many heads hanging at the lowest possible point. Paul Lewis who was widely regarded during the 1980's as the most lethal striker going around in the State League competition, was simply unstoppable scoring four goals while the like of Kenny Smallman, Bobby Toal and Peter Boyle other players of note during that era also found their respective names on the score sheet. To add further insult, Ajax keeper Lou Denys was a virtual spectator throughout the proceedings rarely touching the ball. That result would stand for some time as the clubs heaviest defeat. Coach Nick van Egmond was straight to the point in his post match summary uttering the words "we got hammered didn't we". The former Wilhelmina custodian with over 15 years service to the club would last just one more week in charge, ironically losing his post to another one time Wilhelmina keeper, Rudi van Altena. For van Egmond the hammer had simply transformed into an axe. In a quite bizarre chain of events teenage reserves team striker John Nyholt would have a day at the office like no other against Juventus at Olympic Park in round 22. Forced to line up in the reserves as the goal keeper due to Rick Janssen's promotion to the first team squad, the young Nyholt performed quite admirably in the unfamiliar role though unknown to him, his keeping days were far from over. Required to sit on the bench for the main game and with Janssen looking to make an impression with first choice Stuart Lee away on duty with Victorian in the Australian Junior Championships, tragedy was to strike after just nine minutes. In trying to save a Fabio Incantalupo penalty, Janssen dislocated his thumb, racked in pain and quite clearly unable to continue, the call to the bench for a replacement saw Nyholt once again called into action for the remaining eighty minutes of the match. Having had only minimal senior exposure, Nyholt whom would go on to become one of the club's all time leading scorers and servants performed admirably to keep the final score line at a respectable 4-1. While becoming something of a repetitive type statement, survival was once again achieved by the very barest of margins.*

**FIRST TEAM 1983**

Back row (left to right): *D.Oats, R.Weeks, R.Verniers, R.Janssen, D.de Kort, D.Brooks, E.Pena, B.Thom.* Front: *B.Caddle, C.Whyte, J.Tront, D.Corke, G.Haupt, B.Burton, K.Stewart.*

*Looking at being well and truly down the barrel, two crucial victories in the final two rounds of the season (Fawkner 2-0 and Hellas/Hakoah 2-1) was enough to at least secure 13th place on the table and avoid the cellar. While this normal final standing once again as in 82 would have sent the club down into Division One, two telling factors insured the clubs survival. Green Gully, Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus and Sunshine George Cross all winning admission to the National League competition and bottom placed Hellas/Hakoah disbanding their alliance, with Hellas joining forces with First Division Mordialloc, while Hakoah simply closed their doors. Lady luck had once again smiled but for how long was the true burning question. The new arrivals and departures at the club started to resemble Bourke Street Mall as 1984 signalled yet another batch of players to be tried and tested. The arrival of two new strikers in Greg Warsawski and Kees Storm looked promising in bolstering the goal scoring options. One of the more interesting departure was that of young midfielder Guy Bakker who was signed by fellow State League outfit Fawkner. While not quite yet setting the world on fire despite laying a fair claim to scoring one of the goals of the season in 1983 (vs Hellas/Hakoah) his fee was paid by none other than Australian music guru Ian "Molly" Meldrum who had taken the Italian backed club under his financial wing. Also on the move to Fawkner was Neil Garvey, while teenage striker John Nyholt made the short move to Nunawading City looking to win more first team opportunities. Captain during the 83 season, David Brooks was also on the "out" list. The ginger haired defender would later find fame outside of the soccer arena after assembling a number ex pat Brits to form the Music Men, who turned English pub banter into a popular form. With results the usual up and down, it was not looking terribly good yet again as the club entered the half way mark of the season in the same old position (next to last), just holding their heads above water. One person who's head was not to find any more breathing space was van Altena who was sacked and replaced by former player Cor Teeuw. Better remembered for his playing career at Ringwood United rather than City, Teeuw who would also turn his hand to club president in the 1990's was able to lift the teams performance rate quite considerably. Having taken over the side near rock bottom a final placing of seventh was better than anybody would have expected at the club. While the season would finish with a least a long lost smile, one sour note was to emerge with the fiasco involving four Ethiopian refugees who originally found there way to Jubilee Park simply looking to play a game. The quartet, Ermias and Soloman Wondimu, Siasia Kebede and goalkeeper Lemma Kibret all claimed to be full senior internationals with their now distant African country of birth, but the Victorian Soccer Federation was not so convinced well and truly breathing fire in regards to their actual status when there registration papers were first lodged. With virtually little or no paper work on the players to actually back up or prove they were indeed who they claimed to be, all four had to endure a long and lengthy battle of political red tape. In the end, having all gained Australian residential status as political refugees, they were eventually free to play without any hindrance. Unfortunately, the on again, off again saga did take its effect with the quartet all moving on by the end of the 85 season opting to play at a much more social and relaxed level. In the Dockerty Cup, Wilhelmina just scrapped through the opening round against Fourth Division East Brunswick thanks to a last minute winner in extra time from Oscar Alarcon (3-2). The second round clash with fellow State League outfit St.Albans proved to be a real dog fight with the scores locked at three all with extra time once again required. In a tense penalty shoot out, the Saints held their nerve slightly better to advance with a 6-5 score line.*

# SLIP, SLIDING AWAY

*All the hard work from the later half of the 84 season evaporated into nothing more than a puff of smoke in both 85 and 86. The loss of Greg Warsawski to Morwell Falcons was a huge blow given that he had formed a solid pairing with Kenny Stewart with the duo both scoring eleven goals each respectively. After spending the previous season at Nunawading, John Nyholt returned to Jubilee Park, having gained the regular first team football he had craved. Forced to wait until round eight for any joy (St.Albans 2-1), at the half way point of the season the club was sitting in 11th place having sat at the foot of the table early into the campaign. A continuing flow of poor results finally would be the nail in the coffin to coach Cor Teeuw's reign. Moving into the drivers seat was highly regarded Victorian junior coach Bill Curran. Awarded life membership by the Victorian Soccer Federation for his outstanding contribution to junior development, Curran did have some senior coaching experience having previously coached South Melbourne Hellas in the early seventies with some mixed success. His presence and new ideals failed to make any impact on the teams playing woes, but relegation was sparred but only by the most minimal of margins. The best performance of note for the season was without doubt in round 18 at Jubilee Park with a Kenny Stewart double the driving force behind a solid 5-2 victory over Northcote City. Despite helping the club to once again secure it's State League status, Curran was unceremoniously demoted to the role of reserves coach by the start of the 1986 season. Departures away from Jubilee Park during the off season with the likes of forward Kenny Stewart (Frankston Pines), goal keepers Stuart Lee (Altona Gate), Rick Janssen (Pines) and midfielder Barry Burton (Knox City) to name but a few all opting to try their luck with other State League outfits were simply not covered. With the vast majority of the remaining squad was somewhat inexperienced the club hierarchy at the time decided to appoint Kees Storm into a player/coach role. Their wisdom and choice was left hanging with a big question mark given Storm would last just a mere one month into the campaign. He simply was finding difficulty adapting to the dual role and the requested to step down but be allowed stay on in a sole playing capacity. The season was effectively in tatters before it really had even moved out of first gear. Former Croydon coach Tom Kelly was hastily installed to led a squad that by the time of his arrival was root bound at the foot of the table. Despite finally getting the camel off the back with the first long awaited victory in round eight with a one nil win over Polonia courtesy of a rare goal from defender Ron Verniers, the side never was able to climb any higher than 13th place at any stage throughout the campaign. Having on a number of occasions throughout the early part of the eighties been able to escape relegation via one act of god or another, the combination of a sub standard squad, inability to score goals and ability to prevent finally all came crashing together with an almighty great thud. The return of just nineteen goals scored for the entire season becoming the clubs worst ever return at State League or infact any competition level. Once again the long*

*haul back looked set to be a long and daunting task, one that the club had yet to endure. With a vast majority of the 86 squad vanquished for one reason or another, a complete rebuilding sequence was put into place. With the likes of Storm, Tom Carmichael junior, Harry McKinlay and goalkeepers Charlie Kardamatsis and Robert Brian moving on, the club opted to somewhat take a gamble with a couple of so called "crocks". Injury prone duo, Andy Hughes and Brian Keenan would certainly never have a considered a move to Jubilee Park had their respective "wonky" knees not hindered their playing options. Midfielder Hughes, had enjoyed a productive stay at Box Hill while Keenan would have certainly not been released by Melbourne Croatia had the club not had grave concerns regarding his ability to perform at a high level with question marks surrounding his fitness. Also added to the squad were former players Kenny Stewart and Rick Janssen both lured back to the club from Frankston Pines. After an impressive start with wins over Werribee, Nunawading and Richmond, the team for a brief spell went off the rails, enough at least to cost Kelly his coaching job.*

**FIRST TEAM 1987**

Back row (left to right): *G.Haupt, M.Bakker, H.Meyer, J.Nyholt, R.Janssen, B.Lange.* Front: *A.Hughes, L.Russell, S.Thomson, R.Verniers, B.Keenan, K.Stewart, C.Middlemast, M.Verniers* (mascot).

*Kelly's departure once again signalled yet another coaching comeback for Sjel de Bruyckere. The decision to change coaches indeed paid rich dividends as the team quickly returned to form and inturn expressed back up the table. Wilhelmina now laid strong claim to having possibly the best strike force in the Division after securing the services of Chris Middlemast from fellow First Division side Nunawading City. Middlemast experienced brief fame during a spell with South Melbourne Hellas in the mid 80's scoring on his debut for the National Soccer League outfit. Having gained a reputation for his goal scoring exploits at Nunawading, he was signed by the Greek giants as a stop gap after the club was upended by a glut of injuries to numerous first team regulars. But his career at Middle Park was over more or less in the blink of an eye. Middlemast joined Keenan, the extremely talented midfielder/forward Stuart Thomson originally signed from Croydon City in 85 and to a latter extent Stewart and John Nyholt as a fearful attack full of options. With the forwards doing their part, so to did the likes of Janssen, Graham Haupt, Hans Meyer, Mark Bakker, Luke Russell and the ever green Verniers and the realisation quickly occurred that this team had indeed all the makings of a worthy title aspirant. Standing though between those aspirations was an equally fearful force in the form of Bulleen Veneto. Having gone down to the Italian backed outfit during the teams minor slump in form in their first encounter, revenge would be extracted in the return meeting in round 20. The match would become the Brian Keenan show, with the striker simply awesome netting a hat-trick in the 3-0 win. That win signalled an unbeaten thirteen match stretch which was rewarded with top of the table status. With the championship race evenly poised, a home slip up against North Dandenong the following week resulting in a 2-0 loss once again put the cat amongst the pigeons. That defeat in the context of the season would prove to be a devastating slip up. The final home fixture of the season against Doncaster Rovers (round 25) turned into one of the most decisive victories witnessed at Jubilee Park for some time. In what was billed as Ron Verniers farewell fixture, instead turned into a 7-1 demolition with the veteran adding his name to the score sheet. Alas as Verniers retirement would prove premature so to would Wilhelmina's title hopes. Despite being assured of promotion and rounding off the season with a comfortable 3-1 victory at Essendon Triestina, Bulleen reclaimed top spot by the barest of margins one week later after also defeating Triestina in a re-arranged end of season fixture ironically by the same score line. Having enjoyed very few moments of joy during the last six year stretch in the State League, Wilhelmina went about changing those fortunes by going to great expense to secure Robbie Nelson as first team coach in 1988. Having guided Maribyrnong Polonia to the 1987 State League title, Nelson was clearly seen as the ideal man to give the club a new cutting edge. His appointment once again meant there was no place for de Bruyckere who was surplus to requirements despite having returned the club to the States "top flight". With a razor sharp sword, Nelson quickly all but dismantled the squad of the previous season. Nelson saw a vast majority of the squad as not being workable, releasing a number of players pre-season (Keenan, Hughes, Bakker, Stewart) while Middlemast, who had excelled towards the business end of the 87 season was transfer listed, simply told that he could move on as soon as a reasonable offer was placed on the table. Despite impressing when given the opportunity, Nelson had set his mind and Middlemast was snapped up by Croydon City for a minimal transfer fee. Another player to feel the Nelson principle of shape up or ship out was Stuart Thomson. The undoubted star of the promotion season was certainly well and truly out of shape but would still go on to make a couple of cameo appearances in rounds ten and eleven, finding his name on the scoresheet in the latter. With the local market offering very little, the club reopened the door once again hinging it's bets on overseas imports. The first batch of arrivals hit Jubilee Park pre-season headed by wily Irishman playmaker John Corvan (Newry Town) and English duo, defender Paul May (Tottenhoe) and forward John Davie (Aylesbury United). All three came with very good credentials with Corvan a firm standout with his silky skills and sheer wizardry on the ball. The steady flow via Tullamarine airport would continue throughout the season with Doug Nolan, Michael Maguire, Declan Kennedy, Chris Makin, Andy Hart and Peter Cocker further bolstering the British contingent. One player to break the mould in regards to the local scene was experienced defender John Cumming signed from Frankston Pines. The magic formula for which president Cor Spruit and company had hoped Nelson would administer simply just did not eventuate. While there was an a allowance for the newly created squad to gel together, Nelson's message for the majority was falling on deaf ears. Apart from a couple of hard fought*

*victories over Western Suburbs (2-1) and Springvale City (2-0) there was a definite feeling in the air that the horrors of past State League campaigns was once again raising it's head. Nelson who had started the season in playing/coach role soon realised that the knives were out and moved himself to the bench to hopefully rectify the situation. Unfortunately for the coach, a spirited performance from Second Division Doncaster Rovers in the First Main round of the Dockerty Cup all but hammered home the final nail in his Ringwood coaching coffin. While the side would eventually scrape through the tie on a penalty shootout, the performance was so inept that there were times during the clash that a neutral fan could well have been confused with each clubs actual League status. Nelson briefly agreed to stay on in a sole playing capacity as former player Gary Groenewald was handed first team duties in a caretaker capacity.*

**FIRST TEAM 1988**

Back row (left to right): *K.Stewart, R.Verniers, C.Weymss, H.Meyer, P.Cocker, C.Makin, J.Cumming.* Front row: *M.Maguire, D.Nolan, D.Kennedy, J.Nyholt, P.May, R.Janssen.*

# HANS TO THE RESCUE

*After a quick scurry to find an able replacement, a former star from the Wilhelmina glory period, Hans Petersen was handed command. Petersen has gained a massive reputation as a junior coach with Port Melbourne churning out an impressive array of youngsters who progressed both to the National League and National team set ups. After a bumpy early ride under the new coach that seemed to reflect simply that the team pieced together was simply lacking a spark, suddenly out of nowhere the right spark did arrive with three impressive victories on the trot over Caulfield City (1-0), Fawkner (2-1) and Green Gully (1-0) between rounds 13 to 15. Those three wins suddenly had the players believing that they were capable of mixing it with the best in the State League. The true acid test to just were the team was now travelling landed in round 16 with the home visit of Heidelberg United. The Bergers who were well on course to reclaim their lost National League spot and the runaway League leader were hit for six in the opening twenty minutes of the contest to all but silence a large and equally stunned travelling contingent of fans. A sheer piece of magic from a Corvan free kick that left goal keeper Michael Chatzotifinis bamboozled along with a clinical opportunist strike from John Nyholt was indeed a perfect dream start that really placed the Bergers on the back foot. The Greek support quickly found voice in the early stages of the second half as man mountain striker Dennis Morovic hit a quick fire double to even the ledger and momentum quickly swung in the visitors favour. Now tested to the point of maximum pressure, the occasion would indeed call for something very special. In a bustling finish, Nyholt sealed one of the most memorable victories ever seen on the home turf after losing his minder to fire a sweetly struck angled shot past Chatzitifinos. Brought back to earth the following week away to Polonia (0-3), the set back was to be only a minor intrusion. Well and truly out of any relegation danger, the team now looked a formidable combination and never more so than in rounds 27 and 28. The visit of the previous seasons sparring partner Bulleen to Jubilee Park was nothing short of a massacre. Racing to a three nil lead within the opening fifteen minutes, Wilhelmina was simply irresistible throughout the entire contest with a Nyholt hat-trick and a double to Peter Cocker one of many highlights in the 7-1 final scoreline. Six days later, away to Caulfield, the goal scoring show was once again up and running with a stirring 5-1 victory. Cocker continued his fine goal scoring mood with a superb four goal haul while promising youngster Piero Lepre also adding his name to the goal scorers sheet. Rounding off the season with a win and a draw, Wilhelmina's second half of the season performance was indeed potentially championship material, unmatched by any other club throughout the League and certainly had results been more kind at the beginning of the campaign, the final position of seventh would indeed have been much higher given that the team finished just seven point shy of eventual crowned champion Heidelberg. With just the Dockerty Cup left on the agenda, the competition now rated little more than a training exercise for competing National League clubs and a burden of sorts for all other remaining sides, pitted a now weary unit against Sunshine George Cross at the neutral venue of Selwyn Park, home of Albion Rovers in the Third Round. While the team turned up to play be it with a thread bare squad, it was a non event as the NSL outfit coasted to a resounding 5-1 victory with John Markovski stealing the show scoring a "lazy" hat-trick. The sole reply coming courtesy of a Chris Ketsakidis own goal late into the tie. For the first time in many a year, the club entered into a State League season (89) as firm championship material according to numerous press scribes. The loss of Nyholt who opted to drop down a division and move to near rival Mooroolbark was a real major blow. His 13 goal return was only bettered at State League level during the 1988 season by St.Albans Ivan Kelic with (16). The Nyholt/Cocker combination had netted an impressive 22 goals and indeed without question had played a huge bearing on the teams superb form transformation. Also leaving Jubilee Park behind was keeper Rick Janssen whose career in the police force required a move to regional Victoria (Bendigo). Janssen had proved to be a rock solid performer since returning to the club at the start of the 87 season and a three way contest was put up for the vacant goal keeping position with Colin Blackley winning the nod ahead of young duo Brian Vasey and Glenn Clarke. On the positive side a couple of handy " English imports" in the form of midfielder Paul Muir, defender Steve McGuigan and utility John Wall were recruited to bolster the already strong British contingent. As the season wore on another Brit to arrive at Jubilee Park was striker Steve Walker. A rare Dutch flavour in the form of slightly built winger Marcel de Ridder also arrived early into the campaign. With the visit of Frankston Pines opening up the eagerly awaited season, Wilhelmina looked dead and buried trailing 3-1 mid way through the second half. But goals to both Declan Kennedy and John Davie, his second of the afternoon saved the day and made sure that the club would pick up a*

*point. The brace from Davie seemed to have finally signalled the arrival of the striker whom had landed 12 months earlier with a massive reputation as a solid goal scorer in English non-league football. Unfortunately the goals from Davie failed to eventuate and with his first team position looking extremely shaky, by mid season he had opted to move on to Second Division Doncaster Rovers. With numerous injuries coupled with suspensions casting a serious doubt over the teams week to week performances, the fetish for knocking over top rated sides when the chips were down certainly had not diminished. The 2-1 victory over Brunswick United Juventus at Olympic Park in round nine was by no means a pretty contest but showed that the players still had the ability to turn it on when pushed to the limit. The hero of the win was Peter Cocker who scored the decisive goal which in effect would prove to be his last for the club with a six thousand dollar transfer to Northcote City just around the corner. A horrendous patch of five consecutive losses without a goal being scored placed the team not so long ago rated as one with serious potential into a side clinging for dear life at the foot of the table. The win and goal drought was finally broken in round 21 against Northcote City and the final 2-1 score line was once again repeated the following week against Caulfield. With relegation worries for the time being put on the back burner, a hat-trick of 2-1 victories on the trot was accomplished when a Marcel de Ridder penalty finally ended the club's long win hoodoo against Croydon City. In the previous fifteen meetings between the two sides, Wilhelmina had managed just three draws, with twelve losses, scoring just 12 goals while having conceded 38. Apart from an easy 5-1 victory over the doomed Polonia/Ardeer in the final home fixture there was little joy in the final run home. The season finally came to a close at the hands of South Melbourne Hellas in the Third round of the Dockerty Cup at Middle Park. Having beaten some handy opposition to land the plumb tie, namely Green Gully (First Main round) and arch rivals Croydon (Second Main round) the club struggled to field eleven fit players turning the match somewhat into a farcical encounter, though one major positive did eventuate out of the proceedings. Hellas regardless of the oppositions plight were looking for some good game time with a new National League season looming and fielded a near full strength side which contained some of the cream of Australian soccer (Socceroos Paul Trimboli and Paul Wade, Steve Tasios, Kimon Taliadoros and Angie Postecoglou). After some early resistance and some equally sharp work from Brian Vasey in goal, Hellas turned up the heat to cruise to a 5-0 victory. That score line may well have been doubled if not for the supreme commitment between the sticks from Vasey for the entire ninety minutes. Despite being under constant siege especially in the final thirty minutes of the contest, Vasey made sure that any ball put past him would indeed need to be of the highest quality. The match would also signal the end of veteran defender Ron Verniers playing career which had began as a junior in the early 1970's.*

**(The line-ups for the match were as follows):**

**RINGWOOD:** *Vasey, Haupt, Verniers, Cumming, Nolan, Weymss, Kennedy, Muir, Maguire, Wall, Prinsen.*

**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** *Bruce McLaren, Angie Postecoglou, Steve Blair, Paul Fernandes, Harry Micheil, Paul Wade, Steve Tasios, Kimon Taliadoros, Peter Tsolakis, Danny Wright, Paul Trimboli.*

*Despite finishing in 12th place four spots from the bottom in 1989, the Victorian Soccer Federation looking to revamp the stagnant competition gave the club powers plenty of sleepless nights and a great deal of worry leading into the 1990 season. With plans to axe the bottom six sides (11th to 16th) to form a revamped Premier League competition, a long and lengthy court battle strewn over several months and at great cost to all the club's involved in proceedings, all but made sure that the new season would be one not quickly forgotten. In the end the clubs won a reprieve and with the competition once again bolstered by the return of Heidelberg United, yet again dumped from the NSL, the VSF having planned to shorten the numbers, was well and truly left with egg on their face as the State League blew out to a staggering 18 teams in total. With the season starting late due to the indecision of just what the final make up would be, the states governing body had to hastily reorganise the entire make up of the fixture list. Given that the season started later than expected plus know comprised 34 rounds in total, there was little option left by the powers that be but to introduce double header weekends. Given that the Dockerty Cup was also still to be contested there was little room if any to fit the season in. The most notable departure during the off season was that of Declan Kennedy who returned home to Ireland. Coming into the mix were English imports Duncan Plank and Chris Smith, while midfielder David Vesnaver was signed from Essendon Triestina. With Kaz Kulak appointed to lead the side in place of Hans Petersen who had stepped down after announcing his retirement at the completion of the previous campaign, a tough first up assignment was handed to the club in the form of Heidelberg United at Jubilee Park. In a carbon copy of 1988, the side would once again cause a huge upset with a 3-2 final score line. Unknown striker Wayne Brown, signed from Provisional League outfit Hampton Park would prove to be the hero of the afternoon with a double on debut. Having tried long and hard over the summer to land powerful Knox City striker Peter Lutgens without success, Brown was seen no more by many as a stop gap until a better credentialed option came along. In the end, Brown who certainly was not out of his depth, opted to pull the plug by mid season returning back to the more social pace of Hampton. Caught up in the unfavourable elements of the League structure, results of any note were few and far between. With rumours rife that the VSF was once again planning to go ahead and restructure, most clubs were pretty much made aware that unless they were to finish at least no lower than tenth, they should be safe. Given that Kulak was unlikely to be able to turn results around, the club opted to install John Corvan in a player/coach role. With a thin bare squad to work with, Corvan who was one of the most skilled players to ever grace the Jubilee Park surface in the modern era, was unable to deliver, not because his message was not getting through, simply he did not the array of talent and depth needed to do the job. The club can at least lay claim to recording a couple more upsets of the season. An unexpected 1-0 victory over high riding Brunswick United Juventus at Middle Park, courtesy of a scrambled goal from Duncan Plank would prove at season's end to be highly disastrous to Juve who were pipped at the post for the League title. Fielding a makeshift side in comparison to the star studded Juve outfit which contained the talents of Steve Smith, Sean Lane, Damian Mori, Fausto De Amicis, Brian MacNicol and Paul Della Rocca once again proved just what can be driven out of players if the passion to win is installed. Also on the list was a nail biting 4-3 away victory over Green Gully on their home soil. The match would not only be remembered as a major*

*"boilover" , but for it's extreme spite which had the referee firing out yellow and red cards quicker than a wild west gun slingers. Rotating between 15th and 16th place on the table for much of the campaign in normal circumstances the club should have been sparred relegation finishing three places from the bottom, but the VSF were hell bent on a new 12 team structure and despite plenty of opposition finally won the battle to create the new format. Quite simply clubs that had been embroiled in the court battles prior to the season simply were no longer united or in a financial position to once again go head to head with the Federation. In the Dockerty Cup Division Four outfit Oakleigh Suburbs proved a tough first up assignment. Taken into extra time, a Corvan hat-trick proved to be major difference as a 5-3 victory was finally achieved. The second round clash at St.Albans against Brunswick United Juventus was nothing short of an arm wrestle with Juve finally prevailing (1-0). With the State League now renamed the Premier League and the Metropolitan League reverting into four State League divisions, the club entered the 1991 season with plans to once again rebuild. While in the past the need to win instant promotion was deemed a necessity, soccer like most other sports of the time was feeling the financial pinch and days of big spending was simply a luxury many could no longer afford. As was the case in previous demotions, the first team squad all but disappeared leaving a skeleton army. The British stronghold had all but vanished, with only Steve McGuigan, Colin Blackley and Brian Vasey left to fly the Union Jack. John Corvan (Juventus), Paul May (Morwell), Michael Maguire (Springvale City) Doug Nolan (Croydon City) and Fred Whalley (Waverley City) all departed Jubilee Park in search of greener pastures while Paul Muir, Steve Walker and Chris Smith all opted to return home. Of the local players, John Cumming (Frankston Pines) and Spencer Jones (Knox City) also joined the exodus. To cover the huge losses , former striker and briefly one time coach Kees Storm was lured back after a stint at Mooroolbark, while Jamie Rogers (Croydon), Renato Liberto (Broadmeadows ) Anthony Cogswell ( Nunawading) and Jonathan Groenewald (Boronia) were also on the new arrivals list. Apart from the newcomers the remainder of the first team set up came within the reserves side from 1990.*

**FIRST TEAM 1991**

Back row (left to right): *C.Blackley, D.Vesnaver, H.Meyer, L.Dixon, S.McGuigan, D.Shannon, K.Culham, B.Lange.* Front: *R.Lange, R.Liberto, J.Rogers, W.Castillo, D.Ward, J.Scrobogna.*

*With Corvan gone opting to continue his playing career in the Premier League, a new coach was once again on the agenda with Harry Chalkitis the pick of the applicants. The former Port Melbourne player while having no previous experience at senior level did though have a good reputation at junior level and was looked upon as worthy of a try. With no great ambitions apart from some simple stability, the team surprisingly to many started the season like a house on fire taking on all comers and deservingly topped the League after round seven. A 2-1 loss away to Westgate the following week ended the clubs brief stay at the top and started what would be a slow downturn of form and table position. With the side starting to really struggle, Chalkitis was dismissed having fallen from grace within the committee. That axing once again opened the door for Sjel de Bruyckere to take command in what would prove to be his very last appointment. Not even a new coach at helm could salvage anything more than a final finish of tenth. After such a promising start the only real major positive to come out of the season was the 12 goal haul from Washington "Heber" Castillo. Having served his time for a number of seasons in the reserves, the striker made the step up with a minimum of fuss. His overhead bicycle kick goal against Port Melbourne in round four without doubt the undisputed goal of the season. In the Dockerty Cup, having advanced through the first stage of the competition recording a 4-2 victory away to Werribee City, a loss to Springvale United in a penalty shootout ended the clubs run (1-1 aet 6-5 on penalties). The State League Cup was also reborn during the season. Once again it would prove to be an early exit from cup competition with a 2-3 loss to Knox City at Jubilee Park on Easter Monday. The reserves showed much better cup form reaching the semi finals of the Armstrong Cup. But less than twenty four hours before the tie against Fawkner, the club was disqualified after a Victorian Soccer Federation investigation via a anonymous tip off deemed an ineligible selection (goalkeeper Glenn Clarke) was involved in the quarter final victory over Croydon. Having originally been selected earlier in the season in the Dockerty Cup, despite being on the bench as reserve keeper and not taking part in the actual fixture, being named on the official team sheet deemed Clarke effectively cup tied from the Armstrong Cup competition. The plans to continue the rebuilding program nearly were sent into the depths of despair after the club suffered their worst season since being born. 1992 all but looked a sad and tragic unfolding as a very young and relatively inexperienced combination was required from day one to fight for dear life to avoid the drop to Division Two. The usual amount of personal changes were well in truly in the negative with the departures of Colin Blackley (Frankston Pines), Liberto and Des Shannon (both Mordialloc), skipper Steve McGuigan (Doncaster Rovers) while both David Vesnaver and Hans Meyer announced their retirements. Just the inclusion of Peter Verechia (Box Hill) and the return of former striker Wayne Brown from Provisional League outfit Mitcham United were of the positive. With Doveton all but certain of taking one of the relegation spots as the season unfolded, the second "vacancy" was an Eastern dogfight between Ringwood and Mooroolbark. With little separating either side for the majority of the season, the wheels of fortune turned in Wilhelmina's favour in the final three rounds of the season after collecting five points out of a possible six on offer. That would be the deciding moment that kept the club up and sent the "Barkers" down a division. At season's end survival was owed greatly to the weekly*

*brilliance of keeper Brian Vasey. Having claimed the number one shirt by sheer misfortune after original first choice Glenn Clarke was struck down by injury before the commencement of the season, the former Oxford United and Wycombe Wanderers custodian never looked back with a number of National League coaches making the trek to Jubilee Park after being notified of his deeds. In one of the most fiery encounters seen in many a day at Jubilee Park, not just on the field but also on the terraces, the team bowed out in the opening round of the pre-season Dockerty Cup losing to Fourth Division Holland Park, later to be known as North Coburg United (2-3) in extra time. The club having played with fire and duly having had their fingers burned, looked to a major recruiting campaign to get back some form of competitive edge in 1993 . The return of renowned goal scorer John Nyholt started the ball rolling and the motion continued with the arrival of a further nine new faces as the season took shape. Robbie Mantel and Darren Cooper (both Mooroolbark), Nick Hurleston (Nunawading City), John Gabrielson ( Fawkner), Chris Weiland and Peter Morgan ( both Knox City), Tom Karapatsos (on loan from Heidelberg United), Dutchman Peter Boone (unattached) and goalkeeper Martin Posar (Altona Magic) While a number of the new arrivals were looked upon to add some new zest, many were never quite lived up to the mark. Of the departures while there were the usual many, the greatest loss was that of skipper Cameron Brown who opted to try his luck in the Premier League. One of the great mysteries to emerge as the season unfolded was that of the demotion of 92 Player of the Year Brian Vasey. Having seen off the challenge for the number one shirt from Glenn Clarke who inturn was forced to look for greener pastures, Vasey was overlooked early into the campaign after becoming engaged in a feud with a committee member inturn losing his place to the newly arrived Posar. Coach Gary Groenewald entering into his second term as coach after replacing Storm during the previous campaign did not have the start to the season that he would have hoped for departing out of the pre-season Dockerty Cup at the first round stage in an eight goal thriller (Western Suburbs 3-5 after extra time). Nevertheless that early departure was quickly put aside as the season proper kicked off with the visit of Richmond for what would be the first of five Friday evening fixtures to be staged at Jubilee Park throughout the season. Having tested the concept as a one off (vs Mooroolbark) the previous season, the move would prove to be a superb crowd drawer. By the half way point of the season, results especially on home soil were certainly proving to be a real thorn in the teams progression (Richmond 2-3, Port Melbourne 1-3, Bell Park 1-2, Doncaster Rovers 0-3) . It was not until round 11 that the first home win was recorded with a 2-0 victory over Mordialloc courtesy of a double from Chris Weiland. Only some healthy form away from home was keeping the team away from relegation zone danger (Oakleigh 1-0, Northcote City 2-1, Broadmeadows City 3-1, Frankston Pines 1-0). The second half of the campaign was again to prove a mixed bag of results. The away form that had kept the side at least competitive all but evaporated, while the home form was now starting to slowly show signs of improvement. Coming off a disastrous 4-0 loss away to Western Suburbs the previous week, the round 19 home clash with Altona City was given a lot more added significance with the team looking to gain back some form of respect. In a massive form turnaround, by halftime that respect had well and truly been earned back with the visitors shell shocked by the 5-0 score line. On loan striker Peter Morgan certainly sent out a message to his club Knox City what he was capable of, helping himself to a quick fire first half hat-trick, finishing off the match with four in total while diminutive midfielder Darren Cooper also got into the act scoring a double. With the damage well and truly done in the opening forty five minutes, the 7-0 final score line typified what the side was capable of when completely switched on. Also high on the positive list for the season was the double claimed over high riding Frankston Pines with both victories finishing in a one nil score line. By seasons end, the final standing of eighth was a fair return given the overall inconsistent form.*

**FIRST TEAM 1993**

Back row (left to right): *R.Lange, G.Groenewald* (coach) *B.Vasey, N.Hurleston, C.Weiland, M.Posar, J.Nyholt, P.Langeveld.* Front row: *M.Phillips, A.Groenewald, P.Morgan, D.Cooper, P.Verechia, J.Groenewald, D.Ward, J.Gabrielson.*

*1994 started once again as one of chop and change with the appointment of former striker John Davie as coach. Davie had performed some good deeds while in charge at Doncaster Rovers and was looked upon as being a better option than Groenewald. With a major influx of signings from near neighbour Knox City (Marty Wild, Martin Bissinger, Dean Bryden, Guy Bakker and Marty Bozic), Steve Brimmer and Paul Cybula (both - Doncaster Rovers), Raffie Bakker (Bentleigh Greens) Danny Ubachs (Caulfield City) and Christian Ibeas (Springvale Condors) the squad on paper looked a team well and truly capable of at least being competitive and certainly capable of challenging the higher ranked teams. Despite a fairly good start to the season, looks were indeed deceiving. By mid season, the team was in complete disarray and Davie's tenure as coach was severed with his dismissal. The cause certainly had been well and truly hampered with the huge hole left after striker John Nyholt opted to venture oversees on holiday early into the campaign. With survival and avoid relegation the only words left to mutter, Groenewald was once again reinstated as coach and handed the massive task of trying to manufacture some form of miracle. While results were slightly a touch better towards the end of the campaign the damage inflicted prior simply left the mountain to high to climb ending the season rock bottom and relegated to Division Two. The ability to score goals especially after the loss of Nyholt was reflected with Ubachs being the most effective with a haul of just seven. The most significant victory for the season coming in round 21 with an upset 4-2 victory at Jubilee Park over Western Suburbs. The unknown Joe Mori, brother of National League goal machine and former Socceroo Damian the hero of the afternoon scoring a double after coming on as a substitute. The year also marked a sad moment in the club's history with the passing of founder John van Hoboken at the age of 85. While still a keen regular at home matches in his latter years, he opted to keep very much to himself spending the entire match on the hill in his Jaguar, letting very few people into his inner sanctum. Starting life off*

*in the Second Division for the first time since 1956, the club decided to hedge it's bets on a persistent applicant to take on coaching responsibilities. Scottish born Michael Sinclair whom had spent majority of his playing career with Mooroolbark and Ringwood United finally wore down the committee after a number of previous unsuccessful attempts. The job at hand was certainly looking one of huge proportions as the club showed dismal form in the pre-season Dockerty Cup. With a large chunk of the 94 squad having departed, Sinclair was at first left with a paper thin group of players to work with. With the cup competition transformed into seemingly endless groups of four in a round robin format, a first up meeting with Premier League outfit Altona Magic with nothing more than a group of kids was always going to do nothing more than harm with the final score line of 8-0 pretty much going to expectations. Not faring much better in the next outing to First Division Lalor United (2-5), the club simply decided not to turn up for the final group match, instead simply handing victory to Third Division Melbourne City by using the walkover ruling clause given to teams with no chance of progressing through to the next stage.. Given what had unfolded in the cup, Sinclair opted to turn to some aging experience for the upcoming League campaign in a hope that some old cool heads may give a new feel and help settle some battle scarred youngsters. Former National League veterans, Graham Heys (Preston /Melbourne Knight), Jimmy Campbell (Heidelberg / Melbourne Knights) and George Campbell (South Melbourne/ Preston/Green Gully) gave a real "dad's army" feel about the club after putting pen to paper. Only former Socceroo Jimmy Campbell (8 appearances/ 1 goal in the green and gold) would go on to show any form of character and commitment of the trio. George Campbell was looked upon by Sinclair as the trump card in the pack but unfortunately turned out to be nothing more than the joker. Coming to the club with a reputation as a goal machine, Campbell would only find the mark on two occasions with his first goal a long time in the making (round 21). By the half way mark of the season, apart from a convincing 4-1 home victory over Clifton Hill in round six, the season was once again resembling a carbon copy of recent past campaigns. By round fifteen, clearly out of ideas and the playing group well and truly down in the dumps, Sinclair was not at surprised when asked to resign or be axed. Opting to take the respectable way out stepping into his place was the highly profiled Billy Rogers. Having coached with a great deal of success at a number of leading clubs, the former Socceroos (4 appearances) was handed an assignment that was in effect just too big an task for anyone no matter what there calibre to take on. Rogers did well to at least get the team to show some form of grit and determination which was rightfully rewarded with an impressive 5-2 victory over Essendon/Brunswick Royals in round 21. Despite the slight improvement under his short term guidance, the final standing of 13th, meant the club was sent packing to the depths of Division Three in 1996.*

# THE HYPHEN AND THE ALPHABET

*Millissa Fischer-Massa and Michael Michalakopoulos*

*With barely a first team squad left from the ruins of the 95 season and no coach yet appointed, a very, very long winter looked in store once again. The arrival of Millissa Fischer-Massa quickly evaporated all the proposed doom and gloom. Her love of the round ball code was purely not just that of a spectator, but that of a person who's passion was to get involved first hand. Having used her wealth attained from various nursing home ventures to fund club such as Altona Magic and Springvale White Eagles, her simple proposed plan, put the club's committee was to put Ringwood City Wilhelmina back on the soccer map as team to once again be feared. With money no issue in her restructure plans, the club quickly saw first hand her ability to attract good quality players and in their droves. Taking up the mantle of Chief Executive Officer, an air of confidence not seen around the club for many years was thick enough to cut with a knife. While her arrival was welcomed on the whole by many, a small portion still living in the belief that the club was still centred around it's early foundations saw her presence as nothing more than a reincarnation of the van Hoboken era, and decided it best to keep their distance. In truth given that she was President at Altona Magic, she could not hold a position were she had full control so those sentiments of a small few were simply unfounded. George Mihailidis, Nick Haidaris, Mark Hagigeorgiou, Joe Gentile, Zoltan Seci and Julio Presta were just a small portion of the new players to arrive as the new rebirth took shape. Of the new arrivals, for Presta it would be his second spell at Jubilee Park having previously played with the club in the mid eighties. The appointment of former Wilhelmina keeper John Kennedy as first team coach would prove to be the appetiser in a total restructure of the club both on and off the field. Highly experienced former National League defender Shaun Parton was also signed to provide a basis of a solid defensive structure plus*

*to look after the club's newly formed youth academy. With a totally revamped squad assembled, the icing on the cake was completed with the major signing of Michael Michalakopoulos from Springvale White Eagles. The former Australian under 23 international striker whom had earned an extremely strong reputation during his time in the National League with both South Melbourne and Heidelberg United, having originally come from the strong Port Melbourne junior production line was simply seen as the man capable of scoring goals and plenty of them. Dubbed the "alphabet" due to his surname, while clearly playing at a level well below his natural ability, his presence alone would send shivers down the spines of rival defences. While many were initially sceptical that Michalakopoulos could produce the goods, after all that line had been used so often before that it was term well worn. While others in the past had failed, Michalakopoulos did indeed deliver what was promised, a one man goal scoring machine, the likes of which had not be seen around the club since the clubs early day's. His return of 35 goals from 25 outings which included three hat-tricks, was instrumental in pushing the club to the fore as a formidable foe in the division. But despite the weight of goals and the "guest" signing of Socceroo Ernie Tapai (54 international appearances - 7 goals), the club still had one hurdle to overcome, to make the season that of a fairytale come true. The one stumbling block was the Russell Black led Frankston Strikers who throughout the campaign were neck and neck at the top of the table and the only team likely to prevent the Third Division Championship coming to Jubilee Park. Having defeated the Strikers on their own ground (Centenary Park - round 8) in the first meeting courtesy of a clinical Michalakopoulos strike, that result was well and truly put on the back burner as the stakes had been raised when both sides once again locked horns. In what would prove to be the championship decider in the final analysis, the re-arranged round 21 show down at Jubilee Park was billed and rightfully so as one of the matches of the season. In front of a large and totally enthralled crowd, the match lived up to all the pre-match hype with the Strikers coming from behind to register a 5-3 victory (goal sequence 1-0, 2-0, 2-1, 2-2, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5). In the final analysis, despite Michalakopoulos grabbing a double, the Strikers very own goal scoring machine, the diminutive Craig Lewis proved to be the decisive factor scoring a superb hat-trick. Despite winning 17 matches out of 26 matches for the 96 season and finishing second which gave the club promotion to Division Two, Fischer-Massa was inside seething about the outcome. She did not see any reason to celebrate coming second and Kennedy was made to pay for the "failure" with his position heading to Shaun Parton. One title would land at Jubilee Park in 96, with the reserves easily clinching the title. The year would also be remembered as the season that would last host Friday evening fixtures. Another "last time" was the fledging Dockerty Cup with the once prestigious competition staged for the final time ending a run of 87 years. Having safely negotiated the initial round robin group stage (group 16 - North Geelong Thirds 3-1, Werribee City 3-1, Corio 2-2), the club's last ever tie would be the round two meeting with the Thomastown Devils with a three nil loss to the Premier League outfit. The season which had began with cup competition also ended in the same fashion with the State League top four cup competition. With each of the top four sides from Divisions One through to Four entered into a knockout format draw, a vastly under strength team more or less resembling the reserves side saw off fellow Division Three outfit Diamond Valley United in extra time recording a 2-1 victory. Pitted against First Division champion Preston Lions in the quarter finals, goals from Jason Daniels and Daniel Groenewald would not be enough as the Lions won 4-2.*

**DIVISION THREE CHAMPIONS 1997**

Back row (left to right): *D.Malone, D.Hili, S.Parton* (coach), *J.Williams* (Asst.Coach), *H.Bakker, M.Hagigeorgiou, S.Kennedy.* Middle row: *Albert* (T.Manager), *M.O'Hare, Z.Seci, M.Fischer-Massa* (CEO), *M.Michalakopoulos, N.Haidaris, J.Gentile, K.Kos* (President) *Front: C.Tsangalis, G.Mihailidis, P.McCann, D.Groenewald, T.Sango, C.Nedza, E.Geohegan.*

*Entering into the 97 season with a new coach at the helm, Parton was handed the simple three word instruction "win the title". With crowds well and truly on the up and fans in general taking a more than passing interest on the teams every move, the season did not start as all plain sailing. Having used a predominantly white strip the previous season, a decision made by then coach John Kennedy, a few aging eyebrows were raised with the unveiling of the new version strip 97 style. A keen and passionate supporter of the Essendon Football club in the AFL competition, the Fischer-Massa influenced orange shirt with a black sash was fashioned on the Bombers AFL Guernsey. That design alone once again brought a small portion of disgruntled supporters to be up in arms. The loss of both Michalakopoulos and young winger Marty O'Hare to Altona Magic in the Premier League was quickly felt in the opening month of the season and certainly more of a concern to most than the design of a strip. Despite just the one blemish with a two nil loss at home to Regent Bulla in round four the team, at times the team looked nothing more than a side just going through the motions and a hint of "withdraw" symptoms was in the air with the Michalakopoulos absence well and truly showing. The much welcomed return of the goal machine by round seven quickly paid rich dividends. Having failed to settle in at Magic, the striker along with the equally unsettled O'Hare headed back to Jubilee Park. Sitting in fifth place after as many rounds, by the end of round nine the team had well and truly stepped up a gear and in a mere blink of an eye was suddenly sitting at the top of the table. Holding onto the mantle at the half way mark of the season, a shock home loss to the Eddie Krncevic coached East Richmond in round 14 (0-1) dropped the side into second place which highlighted that a lot of work would still be needed to be done to take the next step. Regaining top spot back in round 17 with a resounding 4-2 home victory ironically over one time nemesis the Frankston Strikers, only Altona East now stood realistically in the clubs way to claiming the silverware. The top of the table clash at Jubilee Park in round 25 would in the*

*context of the season be the clubs make or break game. Having learned from such an experience the season before, a 2-1 victory with Michalkopoulos grabbing both goals stacked the odds well and truly in the clubs favour. Victory at Knox on the final Saturday of the season would all but sign, seal and the deliver the title. While records against other local rivals in Croydon and Mooroolbark showed that the duo held the upper hand, the record against Knox was well and truly in the positive adding at least a physiological benefit. After a somewhat shaky start, Michalakopoulos once again showed he was worth his weight in gold, scoring both goals in the eventual 2-0 victory. Knox's Egan Lee Reserve was a scene of simple joy with the club collecting it first League championship trophy in 30 years. The alphabet once again topped the goal scoring charts, with his 25 goals coming from just 19 appearances with his overall total containing four hat-tricks.*

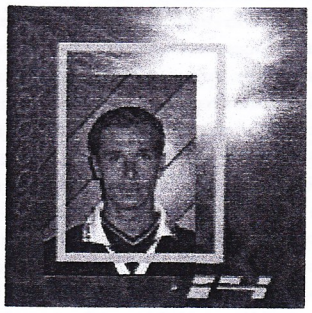
# THE FAIRYTALE COMES TO AN END

*With the club simply thriving on all the trappings of success, given a few years earlier the very existence looked seriously in doubt, there was plenty of optimism that the club would be more than competitive and even a promotion chance in the First Division in 1998. Fischer-Massa had made it quite clear from the beginning of her involvement that she wanted to take the club all the way to the Premier League and no one could doubt that her ambition was well within reason and extremely possible. Unfortunately things did not go to plan and a season that looked one of chocolates, very quickly became one of boiled lollies. Parton's pre-season departure after a pay disagreement with club management certainly was not in the planned script. Kaz Kulak whom had previously coached at the club in 1990 was once again brought in to look after first team affairs. While the start of the season brought about a mixture of results, the team was certainly competitive and all signs were of a positive nature. Unfortunately all was not well off the field with boardroom rumblings reaching a fever pitch. A temporary cash-flow problem due to a pending business transaction led Fischer-Massa to ask the club if they could bank roll the team until she was once again better placed to resume her commitment. With some not convinced this would be the case and fearing the club could be left high and dry, Fischer-Massa totally astonished by the decision opted to pull the plug and withdraw her interest. In doing so, a large portion of the players she had brought to the club followed suit, headed by the mercurial Michalakopoulos. The alphabets loss would prove extremely substantial with the striker opting to continue his career with fellow First Division outfit Altona East. Having scored 67 goals from 50 League appearances, his record was second to none and never likely to be matched again at the club in the modern era. Now forced to rely heavily on a thin bare squad, form quickly went on a rapid downward slide. If not for the horrendous form of the Melton Reds, then a bottom of the table finish would have surely been guaranteed. So swiftly had the form plummeted that Kulak was to become a casualty, with reserves coach Goran Runje taking over in his place. The repercussions of life without Fischer-Massa had still barely taken shape of what was still to unfold. Returning back to the Second Division for the 1999 season, the club was forced to do it's utmost to try and retain as many of the few remaining experienced players as possible or face the possibility of yet another swift drop. The appointment of defender Paul Rolleman, one of the handful of experienced campaigners to stay on board as coach, helped stem the flow and with the like of Hagigeorgiou, Mihailidis, Loughnane and Hili to build around, prospects while not high on expectation, were at least somewhat of a quite positive nature. Another positive to hit Jubilee Park was the news that club legend Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere was honoured for his outstanding contribution to Victorian soccer as both a player and coach with an "Award of Distinction" for Meritorious Performance in the inaugural Soccer Australian Hall of Fame (February 28th). By round five, their was no distinction coming from the current crop of players with the team sitting rock bottom having gained just the solitary point. The sole point gained coming in a ten goal "comedy of defences" match against Diamond Valley United in round five. The form slump was finally put aside after stringing together back to back victories over Altona City (3-2) and Frankston Strikers (2-1). While a stretch of seven matches unbeaten (rounds 5 to 11) would prove the season highlight, the undoubted low came in round 20. The away visit to Frankston Strikers was alway's going to be a tough assignment. Despite at times wayward form, no one could have predicted such a hiding that unfolded as the Strikers registered a crushing 8-0 victory. That result would equal the clubs worst ever defeat in any form of competition. Relegation was only avoided by the barest of margins after failing to gain a point in the final four match run home ending with a final standing of twelfth in the fourteen team competition.*

# BEST TO FORGET

*Entering into the new millennium in the newly restructured Division Two South/East, the prospect of playing more local derbies and ending the day's of long distant away trips was received by all in sundry as a major positive. Given the near miss of last century, the loss players pre-season was a major concern and always likely to haunt the club, which would indeed prove to be the case. Stuart Loughane who at times during the 99 season looked a class above when on song, was the biggest loss opting to move to local rival Knox City. Also on the move were Mark Hagigeorgiou, George Mihailidis Paul Stillitano, Darren Hili, Brett Tronconi and Damien Medhurst, amongst others. Apart from the inclusions of striker Peter Sims, midfielder Jimmy Asmicopoulos, whom had once tasted National League football with Brunswick United Juventus in the early nineties, defender Dennis Georgakopoulos and goalkeeper Ivan Pozega, the squad for the better part looked rather light on options right across the playing field. With Rolleman having relinquished the coaching post, Bill Podlewski was appointed to oversee the first team squad. In the final analysis, the season would see many records broken, unfortunately all for the wrong reasons. It would take until round twelve to achieve the first victory and points of the season with a 3-1 win over Kingston City. That stretch of matches without any form of success the longest ever drought in the club's history. Given the early season damage, by the half way point of the season relegation which inturn would eventuate, was pretty much a forgone conclusion. At seasons end, just two wins and as many draws had been*

*obtained, another figure never before seen on any senior League table concerning the club. Also entering into the record books know resembling the "book of shame" was the paltry total of just fifteen goals scored. That haul being the clubs worst ever return, overtaking the 1986 effort of nineteen goals. Rubbing further salt into an already gaping wound was the 1-9 drubbing at the hands of East Richmond at Jubilee Park in round 19. In total the team had been involved in six matches were the opposition had scored five or more goals with that statistic being more than stretched to the limit between rounds (3 to 6) conceding a staggering 21 goals (Old Scotch 0-5, South Springvale 0-5, Croydon City 0-5, Stonnington City 0-6). In the end coaching appointments proved to be of little consequence given the club's plight. Podlewski was off loaded by mid season with the position filled by Brian Quigley. Having well and truly been thrown in at the deep end, Quigley whom had previous spells at the helm of both Brunswick City and Croydon, was at least able to produce some form of results, but there can be little doubt that the club had never been more humiliated or shell shocked throughout it's history. Despite the drop to Division Three, predictably the scars of the previous disastrous season did take some time to shake off in 2001. Starting off the season at least in the best possible way, a 1-0 win over South Wantirna, it would take a further eight rounds before another success was forthcoming (Seaford United 2-0). By that point in time the club was submerged towards the foot of the table. That period of the season would also see a coaching casualty with Quigley departing Jubilee Park. The weight of constant pressure to produce positive results finally boiled over with striker Billy Zogogiannis, handed the reins taking on the dual role of player/coach. The round twelve victory and subsequent double over South Wantirna would prove to be the real significant turning point of the season. Like a "Jeckyll and Hyde" routine, the team went on a five match unbeaten run, moving up from near rock bottom to a more than creditable season high of sixth place. Despite finishing the season off with two draws and two losses, the final standing of sixth was a superb achievement given the poor start and having been well and truly behind the eight ball. The latter season form of veteran forwards John Nyholt and Peter Sims played a major role in the form turnaround with a good return of 17 goals between the duo. Given the positive signs of the previous season, the start to the 2002 campaign certainly did not go according to script. The early season departure of coach Billy Zogogiannis did not help proceedings with just three point accumulated after the opening seven rounds. Apart from a real touching up at the hands of the eventual league champion Brunswick City (1-5) in round two, all of the other results were just a reflection of how life can be tough if "lady luck" fails to smile. Once again the team looked a totally different side when the smile did indeed show it's presence and no more so than in round eight with a crushing 6-0 win at home to Chelsea. Despite a return to wayward form the following week away to Sandringham City (1-3), results for the better part finally signalled that the side was moving at last well and truly in the right direction under the guidance of coach, former junior president Rick van Duppen. Apart from once again being on the end of another nice old 6-0 thrashing at the hands of Brunswick in round 13, the final nine fixtures would see just eight points dropped from a possible twenty seven on offer. Such had become the self belief within the squad, the round 15 defeat of South Springvale (5-2) who would go on to win promotion at seasons end showed that apart from Brunswick very little fears were held within the division. Accumulating a final total of 34 points with ten wins and four draws was rewarded with a more than satisfactory final standing of fourth. John Nyholt once again led from the front with 12 goals. That particular total only ever bettered once during his time at Jubilee Park having found the mark on thirteen occasions in 1988. Also playing a major contribution in the form resurgence were the likes of Jimmy Asimocopoulos, James van Gulik and Chris Nedza. Asmicopoulos who's career at a much higher level had been hampered by injury, finally delivered on a more regular basis having showed snippets of his true worth for a couple of seasons. Van Gulik added a much needed new scoring dimension after the early season departure of Sims (overseas), while Nedza who originally made his first team debut as a 15 year old in 1993, added some much needed skill and bite to the midfield having opted to drop back from the First Division with Richmond. van Duppen entered into his second season as senior coach looking to build on the extremely solid second half of the previous campaign. With 2003 marking the club's 50th (Golden Jubilee) anniversary, there would be no celebrations coming at seasons end with relegation for the first time in the clubs history to the depths of the Provisional League. The loss of Jimmy Asmicopoulos, Chris Nedza and Jim McBride were significant losses before a ball was even kicked, while James and Luke van Gulik, Nick Aidonopoulos, goalkeeper Jimmy Frantzis and Nem Jovic all moved on early into the campaign. Despite the inclusions of Englishman Alan Morley (Knox City), Sean Flynn, Tim Harris and goalkeeper Maurizio Lombardi (Mooroolbark) the senior list was still light on depth.*



*Alan Morley - signed from Knox City.*
(Photo courtesy - Knox City website)

*That lack of depth was shown early into the campaign after suffering hefty defeats at the hands of the divisions top two teams Clayton Inter (0-6), and Doncaster Rovers (0-5) respectively. Having accumulated four wins at the half way point of the season and reaching a season high of seventh, what would unfold over the second stage of the campaign was nothing more than living life on the very edge. Ending a nine match stretch without a win in round 20 with a solid 3-1 victory over fellow strugglers Monbulk seemed to have swung the pendulum back into the clubs favour. A disappointing and crucial and subsequent defeat away to relegation rival Dingley the following week (2-4) meant the clubs season had well and truly would come down to the wire. Two points shy of both Dingley and Monbulk a win at home to Heatherton was a necessity along with results going in a favourable way concerning the other two clubs in question. A (0-1) loss instantly sealed the teams fate which was further compounded given the other required results did not eventuate as the requirements had deemed.*

# TEAM OF THE CENTURY

## 1953-1999

In 2004 the RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA "Team of the Century (1953-1999) will be announced. A list of initial nominations will be finalised into a starting eleven with two substitutes and a reserve keeper. Also up for nomination is the "Coach of the Century".

## ( PLAYERS NOMINATED )

1. BOBBY ADAMS
2. PETER ALDIS
3. STEVE ATKINS
4. LEO BEERENDONK
5. JAN BONS
6. PIET BROUWER
7. FRED BUNCE
8. JOHN CORVAN
9. SJEL de BRUYCKERE
10. Cor DELGEORGE
11. PETER ERASMUS
12. MIKE HEESWYK (g/k)
13. TJIBBE KEUKEN
14. ARIE LUYTEN
15. COR MATHYYSEN
16. PAUL MAY
17. MICHAEL MICHALAKOPOULOS
18. OLLIE NORRIS
19. JOHN NYHOLT
20. TOM OLIFIERS
21. PETER OLLERTON
22. HANS PETERSEN
23. MICHAEL PLUNKETT
24. MIKE PYE
25. DAVID PYGALL
26. DRE REMMERS
27. PIET SCHIPPERHEYN
28. ADD SLOOTHAK
29. WIM SPIEKERMAN
30. SYD STEELE
31. DICK STOBBE
32. FRANK STOFFELS
33. PIET STORIMANS
34. BRIAN THOM
35. BOBBY THOMSON
36. DICK van ALPHEN
37. RUDI van ALTENA (g/k)
38. FRANK van BALKOM
39. APPIE van DINTHER
40. HANS van EGMOND (g/k)
41. RON VERNIERS
42. ALLEN VILLIERS
43. HUUB VLEUGELS
44. BILL WESTERVELD
45. REIN YNTEMA

## ( COACHES )

1. JAN BENS
2. SJEL de BRUYCKERE
3. LES COURTIER
4. SHAUN PARTON
5. HANS PETERSEN

# LEAGUE RESULTS

## SEASON by SEASON

Please note that no known records are kept concerning the 1953 / 54 / 55 / 56 seasons.

**1953 - 2nd** Reserves only
(entered League half way through season)

**1954 - 1st**

**1955 - 1st**

**1956 - 1st**

## 1957

### FIRST DIVISION (5th)

** no home and away known **

1. GEELONG 1-1 *Yntema*
2. HAKOAH 0-2
3. MORELAND 0-1
4. JUVENTUS 3-1 *Yntema, Luyten,* Schipperheyn
5. BRIGHTON 3-2 *Yntema 2, Luyten*
6. BOX HILL 7-0 *Yntema 2, Luyten 2, de Bruyckere 2, Sloothak*
7. SLAVIA 5-1 *Yntema 2, de Bruyckere, Schipperheyn, Remmers*
8. POLONIA 3-0 *Yntema, Olifiers, de Bruyckere*
9. JUST 2-3 *Yntema, Schipperheyn*
10. GEELONG 1-1 *Schipperheyn*
11. HAKOAH 2-3 *Yntema, own goal*
12. MORELAND 4-7 *Schipperheyn 2, Ruygen, de Bruyckere*
13. JUVENTUS 5-1 *de Bruyckere 2, Westerveld 2, Luyten*
14. BRIGHTON 2-4 *Luyten, Bakens*
15. BOX HILL 5-1 *Schipperheyn 2, Luyten, Westerveld, de Bruyckere*
16. POLONIA 4-3 *Schipperheyn, de Bruyckere, Westerveld, Bakens*
17. JUST 2-3 *de Bruyckere, Westerveld*
18. SLAVIA 1-2 *Westerveld*

(11) R.Yntema (10) S.de Bruyckere, P.Schipperheyn (7) A.Luyten (6) B.Westerveld (2) W.Bakens (1) T.Olifiers, D.Remmers, Ruygen, A.Sloothak, own goal

## 1958

### STATE LEAGUE (2nd)

** please note limited goal scoring information is available for 58 season. **

1. JUVENTUS (h) 1-2 *Keuken*
2. BOX HILL (a) 4-1
3. MORELAND (h) 0-0
4. BRIGHTON (a) 3-1
5. SLAVIA (h) 1-1
6. HAKOAH (a) 0-2
7. JUST (h) 2-2
8. POLONIA (a) 1-3 *Petersen*
9. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-1
10. GEELONG (a) 7-0
11. HELLENIC (h) 1-0 *Petersen*
12. JUVENTUS (a) 0-1
13. BOX HILL (h) 5-2
14. MORELAND (a) 5-2
15. BRIGHTON (h) 10-0
16. SLAVIA (a) 5-1
17. HAKOAH (h) 6-0
18. JUST (a) 4-1
19. POLONIA (h) 4-1
20. GEORGE CROSS (a) 4-1
21. GEELONG (h) 11-0
22. HELLENIC (a) 6-2

## 1959

### STATE LEAGUE (1st)

1. YARRA PARK (a) 4-3 *Keuken 3, Yntema*
2. FOOTSCRAY (a) 7-2 *Petersen 3, Luyten 3, Keuken*
3. JUST (h) 4-4 *Luyten 2, Keuken, Pronk*
4. HAKOAH (a) 3-5 *Luyten, Yntema, Keuken*
5. MORELAND (h) 6-3 *Luyten 3, de Bruyckere 2, Delgeorge*
6. SLAVIA (h) 3-2 *Verschoof 2, de Bruyckere*
7. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-2
8. GEELONG (h) 2-0 *Delgeorge, Petersen*
9. BOX HILL (h) 6-0 *Pronk 2, Keuken 2, Verschoof 2*
10. JUVENTUS (a) 1-5 *van de Linden*
11. POLONIA (a) 5-2 *Luyten 3, Petersen, Pronk*
12. YARRA PARK (h) 12-0 *Delgeorge 4, Luyten 4, Keuken3, de Bruyckere*
13. MORELAND (a) 5-2 *Keuken 2, Luyten, Delgeorge, de Bruyckere*
14. FOOTSCRAY (h) 5-1 *Delgeorge 3, Luyten, de Bruyckere*
15. JUST (a) 2-2 *Keuken 2*
16. HAKOAH (h) 6-1 *de Bruyckere 2, Delgeorge 2, Luyten 2*
17. SLAVIA (a) 2-1 *de Bruyckere, own goal*
18. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-0 *Delgeorge*
19. GEELONG (a) 4-2 *Delgeorge 3, Yntema*
20. BOX HILL (a) 3-0 *de Bruyckere 2, Luyten*
21. JUVENTUS (h) 2-1 *Keuken, Delgeorge*
22. POLONIA (h) 3-2 *Remmers, Luyten, Keuken*

(22) A.Luyten (17) C.Delgeorge, T.Keuken (11) S.de Bruyckere (5) H.Petersen (4) K.Pronk, P.Verschoof (3) R.Yntema (1) D.Remmers, H.van de Linden, own goal

# 1960

## STATE LEAGUE (4th)

** please note - no home or away known **

1. PRESTON 1-0 *Yntema*
2. FOOTSCRAY-CAPRI 8-0 *Keuken 5, Noy, Pronk, Yntema*
3. HAKOAH 2-3 *Luyten, Yntema*
4. JUST 1-1 *Keuken*
5. SLAVIA 1-4 *Keuken*
6. GEORGE CROSS 1-1 *Keuken*
7. POLONIA 5-1 *Keuken 3, Bons, Luyten*
8. BOX HILL 1-6 *Keuken*
9. MORELAND 2-1 *Bons, own goal*
10. JUVENTUS 3-3 *Keuken 2, de Bruyckere*
11. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 5-1 *Luyten 3, de Bruyckere 2*
12. PRESTON 7-2 *Luyten 5, Keuken, de Bruyckere*
13. FOOTSCRAY-CAPRI 3-0 *Bons, Luyten, own goal*
14. HAKOAH 0-3
15. JUST 3-1 *Alleman, Keuken, de Bruyckere*
16. SLAVIA 1-2 *van Alphen*
17. GEORGE CROSS 1-4 *Noy*
18. POLONIA 1-2 *Bons*
19. BOX HILL 2-0 *Yntema, Bons*
20. MORELAND 0-0
21. JUVENTUS 2-1 *Yntema, Keuken*
22. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 0-2

(17) T.Keuken (11) A.Luyten (5) J.Bons, S.de Bruyckere, R.Yntema (2) T.Noy, own goal (1) H.Alleman, K.Pronk, D.van Alphen

# 1961

## STATE LEAGUE (3rd)

1. HAKOAH (a) 3-2 *Stoffels, Keuken, Delgeorge*
2. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 2-1 *Stoffels, Keuken*
3. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 1-3 *Keuken*
4. RICHMOND (h) 5-1 *Beerendonk 2, van de Linde, van Alphen, o.g*
5. MORELAND (a) 2-1 *de Bruyckere, van Alphen*
6. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-1 *Beerendonk*
7. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (h) 8-2 *Beerendonk 6, van de Linde, van Alphen*
8. JUVENTUS (a) 4-1 *Beerendonk 2, van Alphen, van de Linde*
9. GEORGE CROSS (h) 2-2 *van Alphen 2*
10. BOX HILL (a) 2-0 *Beerendonk, Stobbe*
11. POLONIA (h) 2-3 *van Alphen, de Bruyckere*
12. HAKOAH (h) 1-3 *van Balkom*
13. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-0 *van Alphen*
14. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 1-1 *de Bruyckere*
15. RICHMOND (a) 3-0 *van de Linde 3*
16. MORELAND (h) 4-1 *van de Linde 2, van Alphen, Beerendonk*
17. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 2-1 *Bons 2*
18. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 1-0 *de Bruyckere*
19. JUVENTUS (h) 2-3 *Bons/pen, Keuken*
20. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-2
21. BOX HILL (h) 2-1 *Bons 2 incl pen*
22. POLONIA (a) 0-0

(13) L.Beerendonk (9) D.van Alphen (8) H.van de Linde (5) J.Bons (4) S.de Bruyckere, T.Keuken (2) F.Stoffels (1) C.Delgeorge, D.Stobbe, F.van Balkom, own goal

# 1962

## STATE LEAGUE (3rd)

1. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 2-1 *Bons, Beerendonk*
2. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-3
3. JUVENTUS (h) 1-1 *Bons*
4. SLAVIA (a) 3-2 *van de Linde, Beerendonk, Stoffels*
5. LIONS (h) 4-1 *Beerendonk 3, van Balkom*
6. MORELAND 2-0 *van Alphen, van Balkom*
7. CROATIA (h) 2-0 *Godthelp, van Alphen*
8. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 2-2 *van de Linde, Erasmus*
9. POLONIA (h) 3-3 *van Alphen, Beerendonk, Stoffels*
10. HAKOAH (a) 3-0 *Stoffels, own goal*
11. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 3-1 *Beerendonk 2, de Bruyckere*
12. HAKOAH (h) 1-1 *de Bruyckere*
13. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-2 *Beerendonk*
14. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-1 *van Alphen*
15. JUVENTUS (a) 1-2 *van Alphen*
16. SLAVIA (h) 2-2 *van Balkom, van de Linde*
17. LIONS (a) 4-0 *van Balkom 2, Vleugels, Sas*
18. MORELAND (h) 9-1 *Sas 5, Godthelp 2, Stoffels 2*
19. CROATIA (a) 5-1 *Stoffels 3, Godthelp, Sas*
20. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-2 *Sas, van Balkom*
21. POLONIA (a) 2-1 *Sas/pen, Norris*
22. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-1 *Stoffels*

(10) F.Stoffels (9) L.Beerendonk (9) P.Sas (6) F.van Balkom (5) D.van Alphen (4) B.Godthelp (3) H.van de Linde (2) J.Bons, S.de Bruyckere (1) P.Erasmus, O.Norris, H.Vleugels, own goal

# 1963

## STATE LEAGUE (5th)

1. CROATIA (a) 2-2 *Stoffels, van Balkom*
2. POLONIA (h) 1-0 *Stoffels*
3. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-1
4. RICHMOND (h) 2-3 *Keuken, Godthelp*
5. GEORGE CROSS (a) 2-4 *Petersen, Stoffels*
6. USC LIONS (h) 4-2 *Norris 3, Stoffels*
7. SLAVIA (a) 2-0 *Godthelp 2*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 4-3 *Steele, Godthelp, Stoffels, Norris*
9. JUVENTUS (h) 6-0 *Stoffels 5, Steele*
10. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-3 *Petersen*
11. HAKOAH (h) 4-6 *Keuken 3 incl pen, Petersen*
12. CROATIA (h) 2-0 *Godthelp, Kieboom*
13. POLONIA (a) 1-4 Norris
14. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-3 *Godthelp, Keuken*
15. GEORGE CROSS (h) 3-1 *Godthelp, Keuken, van Dyk*
16. USC LIONS (a) 0-1
17. SLAVIA (h) 0-1
18. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-1 *Norris*
19. JUVENTUS (a) 2-1 *van Alphen, own goal*
20. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 3-2 *Norris 2, Steele*
21. HAKOAH (a) 2-1 *Steele, Keuken*

(10) F.Stoffels (8) O.Norris (7) B.Godthelp, T.Keuken (4) S.Steele (3) H.Petersen (1) T.Kieboom, D.van Alphen, F.van Balkom, K.van Dyk, own goal

# 1964

## STATE LEAGUE (8th)

1. USC LIONS (a) 3-1 *Stoffels 2, van de Gagg*
2. HAKOAH (h) 2-2 *Stoffels, Steele*
3. JUVENTUS (a) 0-1
4. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-3 *Norris, Steele*
5. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-2
6. POLONIA (a) 4-2 *Steele 2, van Alphen, van de Gagg*
7. INTERNATIONAL TRIESTINA (h) 6-0 *Boskopper 2, Steele, van Alphen, Stoffels, Luckhurst.*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-4 *Stoffels*
9. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-4 *van Alphen*
10. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 2-2 *van de Gagg, Stoffels*
11. ALEXANDER (h) 3-2 *van de Gagg 2, Stoffels*
12. USC LIONS (h) 0-0
13. HAKOAH (a) 1-4 *Stoffels*
14. JUVENTUS (h) 0-2
15. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 2-1 *Stoffels, Luckhurst*
16. GEORGE CROSS (h) 0-4
17. POLONIA (h) 1-1 *Steele*
18. INTERNATIONAL TRIESTINA (a) 1-3 *Stoffels*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-5 *Kieboom*
20. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 2-1 *Stoffels, Steele*
21. PORT MELB.SLAVIA (h) 5-4 *Steele 2, Stoffels 2, Luckhurst*
22. ALEXANDER (a) 3-0 *Stoffels 2, Keuken*

(15) F.Stoffels (9) S.Steele (5) W.van de Gagg (3) T.Luckhurst, D.van Alphen (2) L.Boskopper (1) T.Keuken, T.Kieboom, O.Norris

# 1965

## STATE LEAGUE (9th)

1. JUVENTUS (a) 1-2 *Stoffels*
2. INTERNATIONAL TRIESTINA (h) 4-1 *Carmichael 2, Steele, Stoffels*
3. HAKOAH (a) 0-0
4. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-0
5. POLONIA (h) 1-1 *Stoffels*
6. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 2-0 *Carmichael, Vowles*
7. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-3 *Carmichael*
8. SOTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 0-2
9. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (h) 0-4
10. USC LIONS (a) 3-2 *Steele 2, Carmichael*
11. CROATIA (h) 2-2 *Carmichael, Keuken*
12. JUVENTUS (h) 0-3
13. INTERNATIONAL TRIESTINA (a) 2-0 *Keuken 2*
14. HAKOAH (h) 1-2 *Kieboom/pen*
15. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 3-1 *Vowles, Stoffels, Keuken*
16. POLONIA (a) 2-2 *Vowles, Keuken*
17. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 0-3
18. GEORGE CROSS (a) 4-4 *Villiers, Zochol, Kieboom, Cameron*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 0-1
20. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 1-5 *Duignan*
21. USC LIONS (h) 4-3 *Villiers 2, Stoffels, Verschoof*
22. CROATIA (a) 0-2

(6) F.Stoffels (5) T.Carmichael, T.Keuken (3) S.Steele, A.Villiers, T.Vowles (2) T.Kieboom (1) D.Cameron, T.Duignan, P.Verschoof, Zochol

# 1966

## STATE LEAGUE (12th - last)

1. CROATIA (a) 0-5
2. POLONIA (h) 0-1
3. GEORGE CROSS (h) 0-5
4. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 2-4 *Villiers, Pils*
5. JUVENTUS (h) 0-1
6. HAKOAH (a) 1-2 *own goal*
7. USC LIONS (h) 7-0 *Villiers 3, de Bruyckere 2, Teeuw, Brazier*
8. ALEXANDER (a) 1-0 *Steele*
9. SLAVIA (h) 2-0 *de Bruyckere, Teeuw*
10. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-2 *Reilly*
11. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-2 *Reilly*
12. CROATIA (h) 3-2 *Wilson, Petersen, Villiers*
13. POLONIA (a) 1-1 *own goal*
14. GEORGE CROSS (a) 1-2 *Petersen*
15. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 1-3 *Petersen*
16. JUVENTUS (a) 2-1 *Steele 2/incl pen*
17. HAKOAH (h) 3-2 *Steele, Villiers, Ferguson*
18. USC LIONS (a) 3-0 *Villiers, Steele/pen, Smits*
19. ALEXANDER (h) 1-1 *Ferguson*
20. SLAVIA (a) 1-6 *Villiers*
21. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-3 *Steele*
22. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-3 *own goal*

(8) A.Villiers (7) S.Steele (3) S.de Bruyckere, own goals (2) T.Ferguson, H.Petersen, R.Reilly, C.Teeuw (1) T.Brazier, Pils, J.Smits, S.Wilson

# 1967

## METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE (1st)

1. BRUNSWICK ATHENA (a) 1-0 *Wilson*
2. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 2-1 *Petersen, Baxter*
3. ST.ALBANS (a) 0-2
4. DANDENONG CITY (h) 3-0 *Wilson 3*
5. ELWOOD AUSTRIA (a) 3-0 *Flynn, Brouwer, Steele/pen*
6. MORELAND THISTLE (h) 5-1 *Steele 2, Keuken 2, Wyatt*
7. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 2-2 *Flynn 2*
8. SANDRINGHAM CITY (h) 2-1 *Keuken, Flynn*
9. COBURG UNITED (a) 3-1 *de Bruyckere, Steele/pen, Wyatt* ? George coach? at home?
10. MARIBYRNONG TRIESTINA (h) 3-0 *Keuken 2, Vowles/pen*
11. BOX HILL (a) 9-0 *Keuken 3, Atkins 3, Steele 3 incl 2 pens*
12. BRUNSWICK ATHENA (h) 3-0 *Atkins 2, Wyatt*
13. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 0-2
14. ST.ALBANS (h) 7-0 *Atkins 4, Keuken 2, Villiers*
15. DANDENONG CITY (a) 7-2 *Keuken 2, Atkins 2, Villiers, Wilson, Wyatt*
16. ELWOOD AUSTRIA (h) 4-1 *Atkins, Steele/pen, Villiers, Wyatt*
17. MORELAND THISTLE (a) 5-0 *Wilson, Steele, Atkins, own goal, Wyatt*
18. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 5-0 *Villiers 2, Steele, Atkins, Keuken*
19. SANDRINGHAM CITY (a) 4-0 *Atkins 3, Keuken*
20. COBURG UNITED (h) 2-1 *Wilson, Atkins*
21. MARIBYRNONG TRIESTINA (a) 6-0 *Bradley 3, Steele, Keuken, Wyatt*
22. BOX HILL (h) 7-0 *Villiers 3, Atkins 2, Bradley, van Tilburg*

(20) S.Atkins (15) G.Keuken (11) S.Steele (8) A.Villiers (7) S.Wilson, B.Wyatt (4) S.Bradley, P.Flynn (1) R.Baxter, J.Brouwer, S.de Bruyckere, H.Petersen, H.van Tilburg, T.Vowles, own goal

# 1968

## STATE LEAGUE (7th)

1. JUVENTUS (h) 6-1 *Vowles 3, Atkins 2, Wyatt*
2. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-2 *Atkins*
3. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (h) 0-0
4. ALEXANDER (a) 0-1
5. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 2-0 *Hamlet, Atkins*
6. ESSENDON LIONS (h) 1-1 *Villiers*
7. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 2-3 *Atkins/pen, Wyatt*
8. HAKOAH (h) 0-1
9. CROATIA (a) 0-4
10. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-1
11. POLONIA (a) 4-3 *Steele 2, Atkins, Keuken*
12. JUVENTUS (a) 0-1
13. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-1 *Vowles/pen*
14. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 1-1 *Wyatt*
15. ALEXANDER (h) 0-0
16. FOOTSCRAY JUSY (h) 2-1 *Wyatt, Spiekerman*
17. ESSENDON LIONS (a) 1-1 *Atkins*
18. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-0 *Atkins*
19. HAKOAH (a) 0-0
20. CROATIA (h) 1-2 *Spiekerman*
21. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-0 *O'Toole*
22. POLONIA (h) 2-1 *O'Toole 2*

(8) S.Atkins (4) T.Vowles, B.Wyatt (3) B.O'Toole (2) W.Spiekerman, S.Steele (1) J.Hamlet, G.Keuken, A.Villiers

# 1969

## STATE LEAGUE (3rd)

1. ESSENDON LIONS (a) 2-0 *Steele 2*
2. GEORGE CROSS (h) 3-0 *Spiekerman 2,Feenstra*
3. BOX HILL (a) 5-1 *Atkins 2, Pygall, Steele/pen, own goal*
4. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 2-0 *Bunce, Steele*
5. HAKOAH (a) 1-2 *Steele*
6. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 2-0 *Spiekerman, Edgeley*
7. JUVENTUS (a) 2-0 *Edgeley, Spiekerman*
8. CROATIA (h) 1-0 *Edgeley*
9. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-0
10. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (h) 2-1 *Thomson, Spiekerman*
11. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 5-1 *Spiekerman 5*
12. ESSENDON LIONS (h) 1-1 *Spiekerman*
13. GEORGE CROSS (a) 2-1 *Spiekerman, Edgeley*
14. BOX HILL (h) 6-0 *Spiekerman 3, Edgeley 3*
15. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-2 *Vowles*
16. HAKOAH (h) 2-0 *Edgeley, Spiekerman*
17. MELBOURNE HINGARIA (a) 3-3 *Edgeley 2, Vowles*
18. JUVENTUS (h) 1-1 *Spiekerman*
19. CROATIA (a) 0-2
20. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 0-2
21. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 2-3 *Feenstra, Bunce*
22. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 2-1 *Spiekerman, Pygall*

(18) W.Spiekerman (10) B.Edgeley (5) S.Steele (2) S.Atkins, F.Bunce, J.Feenstra, D.Pygall, T.Vowles (1) B.Thomson, own goal

# 1970

## STATE LEAGUE (6th)

1. GEORGE CROSS (a) 3-0 *Bunce 2, Spiekerman*
2. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 2-0 *Edgeley 2*
3. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-1 *Pygall*
4. CROATIA (h) 0-1
5. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 4-4 *Edgeley 2, Spiekerman, Bunce*
6. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-3 *Edgeley, O'Toole*
7. USC LIONS (a) 2-1 *Pye, Spiekerman*
8. HAKOAH (a) 3-1 *Spiekerman, Edgeley, Bunce*
9. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 4-1 *Spiekerman 2, Pye, Edgeley*
10. JUVENTUA (a) 0-1
11. PORT MELB.SLAVIA (h) 5-0 *Spiekerman 2, Pye, Bunce, Pygall*
12. GEORGE CROSS (h) 0-1
13. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 0-2
14. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-1 *Villiers*
15. CROATIA (a) 1-1 *Villiers*
16. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 2-0 *Spiekerman, Edgeley*
17. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 1-1 *Villiers*
18. USC LIONS (h) 4-0 *Luckhurst 3, Villiers*
19. HAKOAH (h) 1-3 *Spiekerman*
20. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 3-1 *Pygall, Spiekerman, Villiers*
21. JUVENTUS (h) 2-3 *Bunce, Spiekerman*
22. PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA (a) 2-2 *Luckhurst, Pye*

(12) W.Spiekerman (8) B.Edgeley (6) F.Bunce (5) A.Villiers (4) T.Luckhurst, M.Pye (3) D.Pygall (1) B.O'Toole

# 1971

## STATE LEAGUE (5th)

1. JUVENTUS (a) 0-1
2. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 2-1 *Pongho, Villiers*
3. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-1
4. BOX HILL (a) 0-0
5. HAKOAH (a) 1-2 *Ollerton*
6. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 1-1 *Sykes*
7. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-4
8. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 0-2
9. CROATIA (h) 1-2 *Luckhurst*
10. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 0-3
11. USC LIONS (h) 4-2 *Ollerton 2, Cockburn, Sykes*
12. JUVENTUS (h) 5-3 *Muskee 3, Luckhurst, Cockburn*
13. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 3-0 *Ollerton 2, Keerkland*
14. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-2 *Ollerton*
15. BOX HILL (h) 3-1 *Cockburn, Pye, Lynn*
16. HAKOAH (h) 3-0 *Cockburn 2, Luckhurst*
17. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 6-1 *Muskee 2, Ollerton 2, Cockburn, Lynn*
18. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 1-0 *Muskee*
19. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-0 *Lynn*
20. CROATIA (a) 2-2 *Muskee, Ollerton*
21. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 0-0
22. USC LIONS (a) 6-0 *Muskee 2, Garthwaite 2, Ollerton, Pygall*

(10) P.Ollerton (9) R.Muskee (6) K.Cockburn (3) T.Luckhurst, M.Lynn (2) D.Garthwaite, J.Sykes (1) Keerkland, A.Pongho, M.Pye, D.Pygall, A.Villiers

# 1972

## STATE LEAGUE (8th)

1. KEILOR AUSTRIA (a) 1-3 *Pygall*
2. CROATIA (h) 1-3 *Ollerton*
3. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 1-1 *Ollerton*
4. GEORGE CROSS (h) 2-5 *Ollerton, Begg*
5. JUVENTUS (h) 2-2 *Ollerton, Morris*
6. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-0 *Smith*
7. BOX HILL (h) 1-2 *Cockburn*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 0-3
9. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-1
10. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 3-1 *Ollerton 2, Feenstra*
11. HAKOAH (h) 4-3 *Thom 2, Ollerton, Pye*
12. KEILOR AUSTRIA (h) 2-2 *Thom, own goal*
13. CROATIA (a) 0-3
14. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 6-0 *Ollerton 2, Thom 2, Bunce, own goal*
15. GEORGE CROSS (a) 3-5 *Ollerton, Pye, Smith*
16. JUVENTUS (a) 1-2 *Ollerton*
17. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 0-1
18. BOX HILL (a) 1-0 *Smith*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-4 *Smith*
20. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-2 *Bunce, Feenstra*
21. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 3-1 *Ollerton 3*
22. HAKOAH (a) 0-1

(14) P.Ollerton (5) B.Thom (4) B.Smith (2) F.Bunce, J.Feenstra, M.Pye, own goal (1) Begg, K.Cockburn, G.Morris, D.Pygall

# 1973

## STATE LEAGUE (7th)

1. BOX HILL (h) 4-0 *Ollerton 2, Alexander, Garthwaite*
2. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-0
3. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 0-1
4. JUVENTUS (a) 4-0 *Alexander 2, Muskee, Thom*
5. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-0 *Thom*
6. GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-0
7. KEILOR AUSTRIA (h) 6-0 *Smith 3, Williamson, Garthwaite, Alexander*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 0-1
9. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 0-1
10. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 3-2 *Thom, Smith, Muskee*
11. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 3-1 *Alexander, Muskee, Cole*
12. BOX HILL (a) 2-0 *Williamson, Steele*
13. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 0-0
14. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 2-3 *Smith, Cole*
15. JUVENTUS (h) 1-1 *Steele*
16. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-2 *Cole*
17. GEORGE CROSS (h) 2-3 *Alexander 2*
18. KEILOR AUSTRIA (a) 1-1 *Alexander*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 7-7 *Cole 3, Muskee 2, Steele 2*
20. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 3-0 *Steele 2, Smith*
21. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 1-1 *Steele*
22. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 0-2

(8) C.Alexander (7) S.Steele (6) G.Cole, B.Smith (5) R.Muskee (3) B.Thom (2) P.Ollerton, D.Garthwaite, P.Williamson

# 1974

## STATE LEAGUE (7th)

1. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 2-3 *Smith, Thom*
2. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (a) 1-1 *Steele*
3. JUVENTUS (a) 0-0
4. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 0-2
5. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 3-2 *Cole, Luyten, Thom*
6. GEORGE CROSS (a) 1-2 *Thom*
7. KEILOR AUSTRIA (h) 2-1 *Luyten 2*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 0-2
9. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-0 *Williamson*
10. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 0-3
11. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 0-1
12. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (h) 1-1 *Williamson*
13. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-1
14. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 2-0 *Lynn, Williamson*
15. JUVENTUS (h) 1-2 *Thom*
16. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 0-1
17. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-2 *Williamson*
18. KEILOR AUSTRIA (a) 2-0 *Williamson, Cole*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 3-1 *Lynn 2, Thom*
20. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 3-3 *Pye, Cole, Lynn*
21. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 5-3 *Kent 2, Lynn 2, Cole*
22. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 3-3 *Williamson, Lynn, Mullett*

(7) M.Lynn (6) P.Williamson (5) B.Thom (4) G.Cole (3) J.Luyten (2) C.Kent (1) C.Mullett, M.Pye, B.Smith, S.Steele

# 1975

## STATE LEAGUE (11th)

1. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 0-2
2. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (a) 0-1
3. JUVENTUS (a) 1-1 *O'Callaghan*
4. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 2-1 *Lynn, Keith Adams*
5. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-0 *Williamson*
6. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (a) 1-2 *Williamson*
7. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 1-0 *Kent*
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 1-3 *Smith*
9. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 2-0 *Lynn 2*
10. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 3-5 *Cankovic 2, Lynn*
11. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 0-2
12. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (h) 1-2 *Kent*
13. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 0-1
14. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 1-2 *Kent*
15. JUVENTUS (h) 2-2 *Cole, Williamson*
16. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 3-2 *Cole, Lynn, Williamson*
17. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (h) 1-1 *Kent*
18. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-5 *Lynn*
19. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-4 *Lynn*
20. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-2 *Williamson*
21. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 1-0 *Cole*
22. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 1-3 *Lynn*

(8) M.Lynn (5) P.Williamson (4) C.Kent (3) G.Cole (2) J.Cankovic (1) K.Adams, J.O'Callaghan, B.Smith

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## STATE LEAGUE (9th)

1. FOOTSCRAY JUST (h) 1-4 *Luyten*
2. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (a) 1-0 *Luyten*
3. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 0-1
4. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (a) 4-4 *Kent 3, Mullett*
5. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (a) 2-4 *Williamson, Kreskas*
6. JUVENTUS (h) 2-1 *O'Callaghan 2*
7. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (a) 2-3 *Lynn, O'Callaghan*
8. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 2-1 *Lynn 2*
9. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-1 *Lynn*
10. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 1-1 *Kent*
11. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (h) 1-3 *Lynn*
12. FOOTSCRAY JUST (a) 2-0 *Lynn 2*
13. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (h) 1-1 *Lynn*
14. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 0-0
15. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS (h) 1-2 *Cankovic*
16. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-1 *O'Callaghan*
17. MOOROOLBARK UNITED (h) 1-1 *O'Callaghan*
18. JUVENTUS (a) 0-1
19. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 0-0
20. FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER (h) 1-2 *Kreskas*
21. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-1 *Kreskas*
22. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (a) 2-3 *Hoyle, Smith*

(8) M.Lynn (5) J.O'Callaghan (4) C.Kent (3) G.Kreskas (2) J.Luyten (1) J.Cankovic, F.Hoyle, C.Mullett, B.Smith, P.Williamson

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## STATE LEAGUE (8th)

1. FRANKSTON CITY (h) 0-1
2. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 1-3 *O'Callaghan*
3. ESSENDON LIONS (h) 4-2 *Scott 4*
4. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (a) 1-2 *Scott*
5. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 0-2
6. GREEN GULLY AJAX (a) 1-1 *Scott*
7. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (a) 2-0 *Plumb, Luyten*
8. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-0 *Scott*
9. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 3-1 *O'Callaghan, Scott/pen, Williamson*
10. JUVENTUS (h) 0-0
11. ALTONA CITY (a) 2-0 *O'Callaghan, Plumb*
12. FRANKSTON CITY (a) 1-0 *Williamson*
13. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 1-0 *O'Callaghan*
14. ESSENDON LIONS (a) 0-5
15. GEORGE CROSS "COURAGE" (h) 1-8 *O'Callaghan*
16. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-3 *O'Callaghan*
17. GREEN GULLY AJAX (h) 3-1 *Plumb 2, Keith Adams*
18. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (h) 1-1 *O'Callaghan*
19. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 0-1
20. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 0-0
21. JUVENTUS (a) 1-3 *Luyten*
22. ALTONA CITY (h) 0-2

(8) A.Scott (7) J.O'Callaghan (4) R.Plumb (2) P.Williamson, J.Luyten (1) K.Adams

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## STATE LEAGUE (12th - last)

1. ALBION LEYLAND (h) 0-0
2. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (a) 2-1 *Thom, Garthwaite*
3. FRANKSTON CITY (a) 0-2
4. JUVENTUS (h) 0-3
5. GREEN GULLY AJAX (a) 2-3 *O'Callaghan 2*
6. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-3 *Plumb*
7. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (a) 0-1
8. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 1-1 *Garthwaite*
9. ESSENDON CROATIA (a) 1-0 *Thom*
10. ALTONA CITY (h) 1-1 *own goal*
11. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 0-0
12. ALBION LEYLAND (a) 2-2 *Luyten 2*
13. PRAHRAN SLAVIA (h) 0-2
14. FRANKSTON CITY (h) 3-0 *Luyten, Verniers, Coulson*
15. JUVENTUS (a) 1-4 *Thom*
16. GREEN GULLY AJAX (h) 2-4 *Luyten 2*
17. GEORGE CROSS (a) 1-3 *Luyten*
18. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (h) 1-1 *Carnaby*
19. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 1-4 *Thom*
20. ESSENDON CROATIA (h) 0-2
21. ALTONA CITY (a) 1-3 *Coulson*
22. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-2 *van Leuverden*

(6) J.Luyten (4) B.Thom (2) W.Coulson, D.Garthwaite, J.O'Callaghan (1) B.Carnaby, R.Plumb, G.van Leuverden, R.Verniers, own goal

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## METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE (4th)

** please note due to lack of kept records some goal scorers are missing **

1. BOX HILL (a) 3-2 *Greener 2, O'Callaghan*
2. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 2-2 *Greener, Carnaby*
3. KEILOR CITY (a) 0-2
4. DOVETON (h) 1-1 *Greener*
5. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 0-1
6. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 0-1
7. MORELAND (h) 3-0 *Greener, Kupinic, O'Callaghan*
8. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 1-0 *Deakin*
9. DANDENONG CITY (h) 2-0 *(no goal scorers known)*
10. COLLINGWOOD CITY (a) 3-1 *O'Callaghan, Anderson, Cullerton*
11. ARDEER (h) 4-1 *(no goal scorers known)*
12. BOX HILL (h) 2-1 *Anderson 2*
13. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-2 *(no goal scorer known)*
14. KEILOR CITY (h) 4-1 *Malt 2, Cullerton 2*
15. DOVETON (a) 0-2
16. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 3-0 *(no goal scorers known)*
17. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 2-3 *O'Callaghan, Greener*
18. MORELAND (a) 3-2 *(no goal scorers known)*
19. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 3-1 *Greener 2, O'Callaghan*
20. DANDENONG CITY (a) 0-1
21. COLLINGWOOD CITY (h) 2-2 *(no goal scorers known)*
22. ARDEER (a) 4-2 *(no goal scorers known)*

(8) I.Greener (5) J.O'Callaghan (3) A.Anderson, C.Cullerton (2) R.Malt (1) B.Carnaby, D.Deakin, M.Kupinic

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## METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE (2nd)

** due to lack of kept records the majority of goal scorers are missing**

1. MORELAND (h) 2-0
2. KEILOR AUSTRIA (a) 0-1
3. BOX HILL (h) 3-2
4. DOVETON (a) 2-0
5. ALBION ROVERS (h) 0-1
6. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 0-2
7. ALTONA GATE (h) 3-0
8. RICHMOND (a) 2-3
9. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 1-0
10. DANDENONG CITY (h) 1-0
11. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 2-1 *Thom, Tattersall*
12. MORELAND (a) 5-1 *Greener 3, Luyten, own goal*
13. KEILOR AUSTRIA (h) 4-1
14. BOX HILL (a) 3-0 *O'Callaghan 2, Greener*
15. DOVETON (h) 0-2
16. ALBION ROVERS (a) 2-1
17. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 1-2
18. ALTONA GATE (a) 2-0
19. RICHMOND (h) 2-0
20. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 1-0
21. DANDENONG CITY (a) 0-0
22. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-0

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## STATE LEAGUE (6th)

1. DOVETON (a) 1-1 *O'Riley*
2. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-0 *Mensink*
3. FRANKSTON CITY (h) 2-3 *O'Callaghan, Greener*
4. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (a) 0-1
5. GREEN GULLY AJAX (a) 0-5
6. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (a) 4-0 *Thom 2, Anderson, Tattersall*
7. ESSENDON CROATIA (h) 0-0
8. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-5
9. ALTONA CITY (h) 4-0 *O'Callaghan, Greener, Sinclair, Thom/pen*
10. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-3 *O'Riley*
11. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 3-4 *Sinclair 2, Greener*
12. DOVETON (h) 1-1 *Sinclair*
13. GEORGE CROSS (a) 2-3 *own goal, Sinclair*
14. FRANKSTON CITY (a) 3-2 *Sinclair, O'Riley, Thom*
15. ST.KILDA HAKOAH (h) 0-3
16. GREEN GULLY AJAX (h) 0-2
17. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (h) 1-0 *Greener*
18. ESSENDON CROATIA (a) 1-6 *Thom*
19. CROYDON CITY (h) 1-1 *O'Riley*
20. ALTONA CITY (a) 4-2 *Greener 2, Luyten, O'Riley*
21. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 2-0 *Greener, Thom*
22. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 1-0 *Thom/pen*

(8) I.Greener (6) B.Sinclair, B.Thom (5) P.O'Riley (2) J.O'Callaghan (1) A.Anderson, J.Luyten, R.Mensink, D.Tattersall, own goal

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## STATE LEAGUE (11th)

1. SUNSHINE CITY (h) 1-2 *Hoyland*
2. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-4 *Stewart*
3. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 1-3 *de Graaf*
4. ALBION ROVERS (h) 2-2 *Gibson, Thom*
5. FRANKSTON CITY (a) 3-1 *Hoyland, Stewart, Thom*
6. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (h) 1-0 *O'Riley*
7. STH.MELB.HELLAS/HAKOAH (a) 0-0
8. GEORGE CROSS (h) 1-1 *O'Riley*
9. CROYDON CITY (a) 1-1 *Carroll*
10. DOVETON (h) 2-1 *Carroll, Stewart*
11. GREEN GULLY AJAX (a) 1-2 *van Leuverden*
12. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 4-0 *Stewart 3, Hoyland*
13. MELBOURNE CROATIA (a) 1-0 *Carroll*
14. SUNSHINE CITY (a) 1-3 *Gibson*
15. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 0-0
16. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 1-1 *Carroll*
17. ALBION ROVERS (a) 1-0 *de Graaf*
18. FRANKSTON CITY (h) 4-5 *Carroll 2, Burton, Hoyland*
19. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (a) 0-3
20. STH.MELB.HELLAS/HAKOAH (h) 2-3 *Carroll, Stewart*
21. GEORGE CROSS (a) 1-2 *Carroll*
22. CROYDON CITY (h) 1-1 *Stewart*
23. DOVETON (a) 0-7
24. GREEN GULLY AJAX (h) 1-4 *Stewart*
25. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 1-3 *Stewart*
26. MELBOURNE CROATIA (h) 1-2 *de Graaf*

(10) K.Stewart (8) J.Carroll (4) D.Hoyland (3) B.de Graaf (2) D.Gibson, P.O'Riley, B.Thom (1) B.Burton, G.van Leuverden

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## STATE LEAGUE (13th)

1. DOVETON (a) 2-2 *Stewart 2*
2. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-2 *Stewart*
3. MELBOURNE CROATIA (h) 0-4
4. GREEN GULLY AJAX (h) 0-2
5. ALBION ROVERS (a) 2-0 *Tront, Stewart*
6. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 0-1
7. BOX HILL (h) 0-2
8. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 0-3
9. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (h) 0-2
10. SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS (a) 0-1
11. CROYDON CITY (h) 0-2
12. FAWKNER (a) 0-5
13. STH.MELB.HELLAS/HAKOAH (h) 4-2 *Burton, Garvey, Brooks, Bakker*
14. DOVETON (h) 2-0 *Nyholt 2*
15. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-2 *Garvey*
16. MELBOURNE CROATIA (a) 1-5 *Thom*
17. GREEN GULLY AJAX (a) 0-8
18. ALBION ROVERS (h) 3-4 *Stewart, Thom, Whyte*
19. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 1-0 *Garvey*
20. BOX HILL (a) 2-4 *Garvey/pen, Whyte*
21. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 0-0
22. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS (a) 1-4 *Stewart*
23. SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS (h) 0-1
24. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-1
25. FAWKNER (h) 2-0 *Garvey, Pena*
26. STH.MELB.HELLAS/HAKOAH (a) 2-1 *Garvey, Stewart*

(7) K.Stewart (5) N.Garvey (3) B.Thom (2) J.Nyholt, C.Whyte, (1) Guy Bakker, D.Brooks, B.Burton, E.Pena, J.Tront

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## STATE LEAGUE (7th)

1. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 0-2
2. BOX HILL (h) 1-2 *Warsawski*
3. DOVETON (a) 1-1 *Burton*
4. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-1 *Wells*
5. KNOX CITY (a) 2-2 *Wells, Kevin Adams*
6. ST.ALBANS (h) 1-1 *Warsawski*
7. FAWKNER (a) 3-4 *Burton 2/pens, Warsawski*
8. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 3-2 *Stewart 2, Warsawski*
9. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 2-1 *Burton, Warsawski*
10. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 0-2
11. CROYDON CITY (h) 1-2 *Stewart*
12. ALBION ROVERS (a) 1-2 *Warsawski*
13. BROADMEADOWS CITY (h) 0-1
14. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 2-2 *Stewart, Storm*
15. BOX HILL (a) 1-1 *Stewart*
16. DOVETON (h) 4-1 *Stewart 2, Wondimu, Warsawski*
17. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 2-3 *Stewart 2*
18. KNOX CITY (h) 2-1 *Storm, Warsawski*
19. ST.ALBANS (a) 3-1 *Burton 2, Stewart*
20. FAWKNER (h) 0-0
21. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 2-0 *Storm, Lange*
22. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 2-3 *Storm 2 incl pen*
23. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 2-1 *Warsawski, Stewart*
24. CROYDON CITY (a) 1-2 *Warsawski*
25. ALBION ROVERS (h) 1-0 *Warsawski*
26. BROADMEADOWS CITY (a) 2-3 *Murray, Storm*

(11) K.Stewart, G.Warsawski (6) B.Burton, K.Storm (2) M.Wells (1) K.Adams, R.Lange, F.Murray, E.Wondimu

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## STATE LEAGUE (11th)

1. ALBION ROVERS (a) 0-2
2. FAWKNER (h) 0-5
3. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 2-3 *Shannon, Nyholt*
4. CROYDON CITY (h) 0-1
5. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 1-1 *Stewart*
6. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-3 *Nyholt*
7. THOMASTOWN (h) 0-0
8. ST.ALBANS (a) 2-1 *Storm, Kebede*
9. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 1-1 *Storm*
10. KNOX CITY (a) 2-0 *Nyholt 2*
11. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 1-0 *Nyholt*
12. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 0-4
13. BOX HILL (h) 0-1
14. ALBION ROVERS (h) 1-1 *Thomson*
15. FAWKNER (a) 2-4 *Stewart, van Egmond jnr*
16. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 0-0
17. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-1
18. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 5-2 *Stewart 2, Thomson, Burton, Shannon*
19. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 0-2
20. THOMASTOWN (a) 1-1 *Nyholt*
21. ST.ALBANS (h) 2-0 *Shannon, Kees Storm*
22. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 1-2 *Storm*
23. KNOX CITY (h) 0-2
24. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 2-0 *Nyholt, Storm*
25. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 0-1
26. BOX HILL (a) 1-0 *Storm*

(7) J.Nyholt (6) K.Storm (4) K.Stewart (3) D.Shannon (2) S.Thomson (1) B.Burton, S.Kebede, N.van Egmond jnr

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## STATE LEAGUE (13th)

1. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 0-2
2. BOX HILL (h) 0-0
3. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-3
4. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 1-2 *own goal*
5. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 1-5 *Storm*
6. FAWKNER (h) 0-0
7. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 0-5
8. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-0 *Verniers*
9. ST.ALBANS (a) 0-3
10. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 1-5 *Storm*
11. THOMASTOWN (h) 2-0 *Storm, Thomson*
12. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 3-3 *Storm 2, Nyholt*
13. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 3-1 *Storm, McKinlay*
14. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 1-0 *Bakker*
15. BOX HILL (a) 0-4
16. CROYDON CITY (h) 2-6 *Nyholt, own goals*
17. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 0-0
18. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 0-0
19. FAWKNER (a) 0-1
20. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 0-0
21. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 1-3 *Mensink*
22. ST.ALBANS (h) 0-2
23. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 0-1
24. THOMASTOWN (a) 1-0 *Angulo*
25. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 2-2 *Thomson, Storm*
26. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 0-1

(8) K.Storm (2) J.Nyholt, S.Thomson, own goal (1) V.Angulo, M.Bakker, H.McKinley, R.Mensink, R.Verniers

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## METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE (2nd)

1. WERRIBEE CITY (h) 1-0 *Meyer*
2. NUNAWADING CITY (a) 2-1 *Stewart 2*
3. RICHMOND (h) 1-0 *Keenan*
4. ALBION TURK GUCU (a) 0-2
5. STH.MELB/MORDIALLOC (h) 5-0 *Shannon, Meyer, Bakker, Nyholt, own goal*
6. SUNBURY UNITED (a) 0-1
7. BULLEEN (h) 1-2 *Keenan*
8. NORTH DANDENONG (a) 2-1 *Nyholt, Hughes*
9. KNOX CITY (h) 2-0 *Thomson 2*
10. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (a) 3-0 *Middlemast, Thomson, Keenan*
11. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (h) 2-0 *Middlemast, Keenan*
12. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 2-1 *Middlemast, Thomson*
13. ESSENDON CITY (h) 2-1 *Thomson 2*
14. WERRIBEE CITY (a) 0-0
15. NUNAWADING CITY (h) 2-0 *Bakker, Thomson*
16. RICHMOND (a) 3-0 *Thomson 2, Keenan*
17. ALBION TURK GUCU (h) 0-0
18. STH.MELB/MORDIALLOC (a) 2-0 *Middlemast, Hughes*
19. SUNBURY UNITED (h) 3-1 *Nyholt, Verniers, own goal*
20. BULLEEN (a) 3-0 *Keenan 3*
21. NORTH DANDENONG (h) 0-2
22. KNOX CITY (a) 2-0 *Middlemast, Thomson*
23. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (h) 1-1 *Nyholt*
24. MELBOURNE HUNGARIA (a) 2-0 *Middlemast 2*
25. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 7-0 *Keenan 2, Thomson, Nyholt, Middlemast, Verniers, Stewart*
26. ESSENDON CITY (a) 3-1 *Hughes, Keenan, Nyholt*

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(11) S.Thomson (10) B.Keenan (8) C.Middlemast (6) J.Nyholt (4) K.Stewart (3) A.Hughes (2) M.Bakker, H.Meyer, R.Verniers, own goal (1) D.Shannon

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## STATE LEAGUE (7th)

1. HEIDELBERG UNITED (a) 1-2 *Nelson*
2. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (h) 1-2 *Corvan*
3. BOX HILL (a) 2-2 *Nyholt 2*
4. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 1-3 *Nyholt*
5. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 2-1 *Nyholt, Middlemast*
6. OAKLEIGH (a) 0-2
7. ST.ALBANS (h) 1-2 *May*
8. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 2-0 *Davie, Nyholt*
9. THOMASTOWN (h) 1-1 *Cumming*
10. CROYDON CITY (a) 2-3 *Thomson, Whitehouse*
11. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 2-3 *Corvan 2*
12. BULLEEN (a) 1-1 *Davie*
13. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 1-0 *Nyholt*
14. FAWKNER (a) 2-1 *Cumming, Corvan*
15. GREEN GULLY (h) 1-0 *Davie*
16. HEIDELBERG UNITED (h) 3-2 *Nyholt 2, Corvan*
17. MARIBYRNONG POLONIA (a) 0-3
18. BOX HILL (h) 3-2 *Kennedy, Cocker, Nyholt*
19. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 0-0
20. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 2-2 *Nolan, Davie*
21. OAKLEIGH (h) 2-1 *Cumming, Corvan*
22. ST.ALBANS (a) 0-1
23. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 1-1 *Maguire*
24. THOMASTOWN (a) 0-1
25. CROYDON CITY (h) 0-1
26. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 2-0 *Cocker, Maguire/pen*
27. BULLEEN (h) 7-1 *Nyholt 3/incl pen, Cocker 2, Corvan, Maguire*
28. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 5-1 *Cocker 4, Lepre*
29. FAWKNER (h) 3-1 *May 2, Nyholt*
30. GREEN GULLY (a) 1-1 *Cocker*

(13) J. Nyholt (9) P.Cocker (7) J.Corvan (4) J.Davie (3) J.Cumming, M.Maguire, P.May (1) D.Kennedy, P.Lepre, C.Middlemast, R.Nelson, D.Nolan, S.Thomson, C.Whitehouse

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## STATE LEAGUE (12th)

1. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 3-3 *Davie 2, Kennedy*
2. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (a) 1-2 *Cumming*
3. FAWKNER (h) 0-1
4. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 1-0 *Maguire/pen*
5. ST.ALBANS (h) 0-0
6. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 0-2
7. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 1-1 *Cocker*
8. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-3
9. BRUNSWICK UNT.JUVENTUS (a) 2-1 *Maguire/pen, Cocker*
10. BULLEEN (a) 0-0
11. BOX HILL (h) 1-1 *Muir*
12. THOMASTOWN (a) 2-2 *Maguire, Davie*
13. GREEN GULLY (h) 0-3
14. MARIB POLONIA/ARDEER (a) 1-0 *Muir*
15. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 1-1 *Wall*
16. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 0-4
17. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (h) 0-6
18. FAWKNER (a) 0-2
19. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 0-1
20. ST.ALBANS (a) 0-1
21. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 2-1 *Corvan, Maguire*
22. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 2-1 *Corvan, Wall*
23. CROYDON CITY (h) 2-1 *Corvan, de Ridder/pen*
24. BRUNSWICK UNT.JUVENTUS (h) 0-1
25. BULLEEN (h) 0-1
26. BOX HILL (a) 1-1 *May*
27. THOMASTOWN (h) 0-1
28. GREEN GULLY (a) 1-6 *Kennedy*
29. MARIB.POLONIA/ARDEER (h) 5-1 *Maguire 3, Shannon, Walker*
30. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 0-4

(7) M.Maguire (3) J.Corvan, J.Davie (2) P.Cocker, D.Kennedy, P.Muir, J.Wall (1) J.Cumming, M.de Ridder, P.May, D.Shannon, S.Walker

# 1990

## STATE LEAGUE (16th)

1. HEIDELBERG UNITED (h) 3-2 *Brown 2, Maguire/pen*
2. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-1
3. FAWKNER (a) 1-0 *Maguire*
4. GREEN GULLY (h) 0-3
5. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-0 *Brown*
6. MELBOURNE CITY JUST (a) 0-3
7. MORWELL FALCONS (h) 1-2 *May*
8. BRUNSWICK UNT.JUVENTUS (h) 1-4 *Corvan*
9. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 2-2 *Brown, Maguire*
10. THOMASTOWN (a) 0-1
11. MOOROOLBARK (h) 2-4 *Corvan, May*
12. ST.ALBANS (h) 0-3
13. ALBION TURK GUCU (a) 1-3 *Plank*
14. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (h) 3-3 *Walker 2, Plank*
15. BOX HILL (a) 1-1 *Shannon*
16. BULLEEN (a) 4-1 *Plank 2, Walker, own goal*
17. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 2-2 *Plank, Shannon*
18. HEIDELBERG UNITED (a) 1-2 *Corvan*
19. CROYDON CITY (h) 1-3 *Corvan*
20. FAWKNER (h) 1-1 *Walker*
21. GREEN GULLY (a) 4-3 *Corvan, Walker, Maguire/pen, own goal*
22. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-2 *Jones*
23. MELBOURNE CITY JUST (h) 0-1
24. MORWELL FALCONS (a) 2-5 *Maguire, Muir*
25. BRUNSWICK UNT.JUVENTUS (a) 1-0 *Plank*
26. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 2-3 *Corvan, Shannon*
27. THOMASTOWN (h) 0-1
28. MOOROOLBARK (a) 0-1
29. ST.ALBANS (a) 1-2 *Maguire*
30. ALBION TURK GUCU (h) 1-3 *Maguire/pen*
31. ALTONA GATE VARDAR (a) 1-3 *Dixon*
32. BOX HILL (h) 0-0
33. BULLEEN (h) 1-2 *Shannon*
34. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 1-3 *Maguire*

(8) M.Maguire (6) J.Corvan, D.Plank (5) S.Walker (4) W.Brown, D.Shannon (2) P.May, own goal, (1) L.Dixon, S.Jones, P.Muir

# 1991

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (10th)

1. NORTH GEELONG (h) 0-0
2. MELBOURNE CITY (a) 2-0 *Brown, Castillo*
3. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 1-1 *Castillo*
4. MORDIALLOC (a) 1-0 *Cogswell*
5. PORT MELBOURNE (h) 1-1 *Castillo*

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6. WERRIBEE CITY (a) 1-1 *Vesnaver*
7. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 1-0 *own goal*
8. WESTGATE (a) 1-2 *Brown*
9. BELL PARK (h) 2-1 *Castillo 2*
10. BOX HILL (a) 0-2
11. BYE
Brighton Celtic no longer in League after folding early into the season
12. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 1-1 *Brown*
13. ESSENDON CITY (h) 0-1
14. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 1-1 *Storm*
15. KNOX CITY (h) 1-4 *Castillo*
16. NORTH GEELONG (a) 2-3 *Prinsen, Castillo*
17. MELBOURNE CITY (h) 3-2 *Brown/pen, Shannon, Castillo*
18. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 1-1 *Castillo*
19. MORDIALLOC (h) 1-1 *Castillo*
20. PORT MELBOURNE (a) 2-3 *Liberto, Castillo*
21. WERRIBEE CITY (h) 0-1
22. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 0-1
23. WESTGATE (h) 1-1 *Castillo*
24. BELL PARK (a) 1-1 *Liberto*
25. BOX HILL (h) 0-0
26. BYE
27. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 0-0
28. ESSENDON CITY (a) 0-0
29. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-3 *Meyer*
30. KNOX CITY (a) 1-3 *Prinsen*

(12) W.Castillo (4) C.Brown (2) R.Liberto, J.Prinsen (1) A.Cogswell, H.Meyer, D.Shannon, K.Storm, D.Vesnaver, own goal

# 1992

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (12th)

1. MOOROOLBARK (a) 1-2 *Cameron Brown*
2. MORDIALLOC (h) 1-2 *own goal*
3. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 2-5 *Castillo, Prinsen*
4. BELL PARK (a) 1-4 *Castillo*
5. WESTGATE (h) 0-0
6. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 0-2
7. WERRIBEE CITY (h) 1-1 *Castillo*
8. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 0-0
9. ALTONA CITY (h) 2-1 *Storm, Castillo*
10. RICHMOND (a) 0-0
11. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 0-5
12. DOVETON (a) 4-1 *Wayne Brown 3, Castillo*
13. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 1-4 *Prinsen*
14. MOOROOLBARK (h) 2-3 *Wayne Brown, Verechia*
15. MORDIALLOC (a) 2-2 *Cameron Brown/pen, Wayne Brown*
16. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 0-2
17. BELL PARK (h) 1-0 *Cameron Brown*
18. WESTGATE (a) 0-4
19. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 0-2
20. WERRIBEE CITY (a) 0-1
21. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 4-0 *Verechia 2, Cameron Brown/pen, Ward*
22. ALTONA CITY (a) 0-1
23. RICHMOND (h) 0-1
24. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 1-1 *Ward*
25. DOVETON (h) 2-0 *Vogrinec, Wayne Brown*
26. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 2-1 *Vogrinec, Cameron Brown*

(6) Wayne Brown (5) Cameron Brown, W.Castillo (3) P.Verechia (2) J.Prinsen, S.Vogrinec, D.Ward (1) K.Storm, own goal

# 1993

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (8th)

1. RICHMOND (h) 2-3 *Nyholt 2*
2. OAKLEIGH (a) 1-0 *Mantel*
3. PORT MELBOURNE (h) 1-3 *Boone*
4. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 2-1 *Lange, Boone/pen*
5. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 2-2 *Boone, Phillips*
6. ALTONA CITY (a) 1-1 *Thomas*
7. BELL PARK (h) 1-2 *Nyholt*
8. BROADMEADOWS CITY (a) 3-1 *Verechia, Nyholt, Langeveld*
9. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 0-3
10. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 1-0 *Weiland*
11. MORDIALLOC (h) 2-0 *Weiland 2*
12. WESTGATE (a) 2-2 *Karapatsos, Verechia*
13. WERRIBEE CITY (a) 1-3 *Nyholt*
14. RICHMOND (a) 1-2 *Boone*
15. OAKLEIGH (h) 0-0
16. PORT MELBOURNE (a) 1-3 *Nyholt*
17. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 1-1 *Verechia*
18. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 0-4
19. ALTONA CITY (h) 7-0 *Morgan 4, Cooper 2, Nyholt*
20. BELL PARK (a) 0-1
21. BROADMEADOWS CITY (h) 2-0 *Cooper, Morgan*
22. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 1-2 *Graper*
23. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-0 *Groenewald*
24. MORDIALLOC (a) 2-2 *Morgan, Nyholt*
25. WESTGATE (h) 3-1 *Morks 2, Ward*
26. WERRIBEE CITY (h) 1-3 *Verechia*

(8) J.Nyholt (6) P.Morgan (4) P.Boone, P.Verechia (3) D.Cooper, C.Weiland (2) J.Morks (1) B.Graper, A.Groenewald, T.Karapatsos, R.Lange, P.Langeveld, R.Mantel, M.Phillips, J.Thomas, D.Ward

# 1994

## STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE (14th - last)

1. BROADMEADOWS CITY (h) 1-1 *Nyholt*
2. KNOX CITY (a) 2-2 *Figueroa, Nyholt*
3. BELL PARK (h) 2-2 *Bryden/pen, Nyholt*
4. CAULFIELD CITY (a) 2-1 *Ubachs, Bryden*
5. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 2-1 *Wild, Ibeas*
6. BENTLEIGH GREENS (a) 0-3
7. BOX HILL INTER (h) 1-1 *Weiland*
8. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 2-4 *R.Bakker 2*
9. WESTGATE (a) 1-1 *Wild*
10. RICHMOND (h) 0-4
11. OAKLEIGH (a) 0-1
12. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-3 *Bryden/pen*
13. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 0-1
14. BROADMEADOWS CITY (a) 0-1
15. KNOX CITY (h) 1-1 *Ubachs*
16. BELL PARK (a) 2-1 *Graper 2*
17. CAULFIELD CITY (h) 3-5 *Ubachs, Nedza, G.Bakker*
18. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 2-2 *Weiland, G.Bakker*
19. BENTLEIGH GREENS (h) 3-2 *Ubachs 2, O'Hare*
20. BOX HILL INTER (a) 2-3 *Ubachs, Wild*
21. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 4-2 *Wild 2, Mori 2*
22. WESTGATE (h) 1-2 *O'Hare*
23. RICHMOND (a) 0-3
24. OAKLEIGH (h) 1-4 *Ubachs*
25. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 1-2 *Wild*
26. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 0-3

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(7) D.Ubachs (6) M.Wild (3) D.Bryden, J.Nyholt (2) Guy Bakker, Raffie Bakker, B.Graper, J.Mori, M.O'Hare, C.Weiland (1) C.Figueroa, C.Ibeas, C.Nedza

# 1995

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

1. REGENT-BULLA (a) 1-2 *O'Hare*
2. MOORABIN CITY (h) 0-2
3. WAVERLEY CITY (a) 0-3
4. NUNAWADING CITY (h) 2-0 *O'Hare, Graper*
5. SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES (a) 1-1 *Brimmer*
6. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (h) 4-1 *Lang 2, Heys, Grgas-Bego*
7. EAST RICHMOND (a) 0-2
8. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (h) 1-2 *Graper*
9. CHELSEA (a) 2-3 *Graper, Lang*
10. ALTONA CITY (h) 1-1 *Conlin*
11. BELL PARK (a) 0-3
12. EAST ALTONA (h) 1-0 *Conlin*
13. MOOROOLBARK (a) 0-1
14. REGENT-BULLA (h) 1-5 *Conlin*
15. MOORABIN CITY (a) 0-2
16. WAVERLEY CITY (h) 0-2
17. NUNAWADING CITY (a) 0-2
18. SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES (h) 2-3 *Lang, Brimmer*
19. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (a) 2-2 *Bakker, O'Hare*
20. EAST RICHMOND (h) 0-1
21. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (a) 5-2 *Brimmer 2, G.Campbell, Phillips, Bakker*
22. CHELSEA (h) 2-1 *Brimmer, G.Campbell*
23. ALTONA CITY (a) 2-2 *Phillips, Ovens*
24. BELL PARK (h) 1-0 *Bakker*
25. EAST ALTONA (a) 0-3
26. MOOROOLBARK (h) 0-0

(5) S.Brimmer (4) M.Lang (3) H.Bakker, S.Conlin, B.Graper, M.O'Hare (2) G.Campbell, M.Phillips (1) A.Grgas-Bego, G.Heys, M.Ovens

# 1996

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (2nd)

1. PASCOE VALE (h) 0-0
2. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (h) 6-0 *Livingstone 2, Michalakopoulos 2, Groenewald, own goal*
3. BANYULE (a) 5-0 *Brimmer 2, Michalakopoulos 2, Groenewald*
4. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (h) 2-3 *Livingstone, Michalakopoulos*
5. FITZROY CITY (h) 4-0 *Michalakopoulos 2, Livingstone, Tsangalis*
6. SOUTH WERRIBEE (a) 2-2 *Livingstone 2*
7. CRANBOURNE (h) 2-2 *Hagigeorgiou, Livingstone*
8. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (a) 1-0 *Michalakopoulos*
9. DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED (h) 2-0 *Michalakopoulos, Tapai*
10. SOUTH CAULFIELD (a) 3-0 *Tapai 2, Michalakopoulos*
11. MELBOURNE CITY (h) 4-0 *Michalakopoulos 3, Tapai*
12. KEILOR EAGLES (a) 2-0 *Brimmer, Michalakopoulos*
13. CHELSEA (h) 1-3 *Seci*
14. PASCOE VALE (a) 1-1 *Michalakopoulos*
15. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (a) 2-0 *Michalakopoulos 2*
16. BANYULE (h) 1-1 *Michalakopoulos*
17. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (a) 5-2 *Hagigeorgiou 2, Michalakopoulos, Seci, own goal*
18. FITZROY CITY (a) 2-0 *Hagigeorgiou, Seci*
19. SOUTH WERRIBEE (h) 8-0 *Michalakopoulos 4, Tapai 2, Hagigeorgiou, O'Hare*
20. CRANBOURNE (a) 2-3 *own goal, Seci*
21. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (h) 3-5 *Michalakopoulos 2, Bakker*
22. DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED (a) 3-1 *Michalakopoulos 2, Seci*
23. SOUTH CAULFIELD (h) 1-0 *Mihailidis*
24. MELBOURNE CITY (a) 2-0 *Michalakopoulos 2*
25. KEILOR EAGLES (h) 3-1 *Parton, Michalakopoulos, Seci*
26. CHELSEA (a) 6-2 *Michalakopoulos 5, Seci*

(35) M.Michalakopoulos (7) A.Livingstone, Z.Seci (6) E.Tapai (5) M.Hagigeorgiou (3) S.Brimmer, own goal (2) D.Groenewald (1) H.Bakker, G.Mihailidis, M.O'Hare, S.Parton, C.Tsangalis

# 1997

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (1st)

1. EAST RICHMOND (a) 0-0
2. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 2-1 *Haidaris, Groenewald*
3. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (a) 3-2 *Groenewald 2, Haidaris*
4. REGENT-BULLA (h) 0-2
5. OAKLEIGH (a) 2-1 *Nedza, Seci*
6. ALTONA CITY (h) 2-1 *Groenewald, Nedza*
7. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (a) 2-0 *Michalakopoulos, Hagigeorgiou*
8. BELL PARK (h) 4-0 *Parton, Malone, Michalakopoulos, Hagigeorgiou*
9. MOOROOLBARK (a) 2-1 *Hagigeorgiou, Michalakopoulos*
10. GLEN EIRA CITY (h) 1-0 *Michalakopoulos*
11. EAST ALTONA (a) 0-2
12. KNOX CITY (h) 1-0 *Michalakopoulos*
13. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (h) 4-0 *Michalakopoulos 3, Nedza*
14. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (a) 4-0 *Michalakopoulos 3, Bakker*
15. EAST RICHMOND (h) 0-1
16. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 2-1 *Mihailidis, Nedza*
17. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (h) 4-2 *Michalakopoulos 3, Seci*
18. REGENT-BULLA (a) 3-0 *Michalakopoulos 2, Seci*
19. OAKLEIGH (h) 1-0 *Michalakopoulos*
20. ALTONA CITY (a) 0-0
21. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (h) 1-2 *Michalakopoulos*
22. BELL PARK (a) 3-1 *Michalakopoulos 2, Hagigeorgiou*
23. MOOROOLBARK (h) 4-0 *Hagigeorgiou 3, Michalakopoulos*
24. GLEN EIRA CITY (a) 0-0
25. EAST ALTONA (h) 2-1 *Michalakopoulos 2*
26. KNOX CITY (a) 2-0 *Michalakopoulos 2*

(25) M.Michalakopoulos (6) M.Hagigeoriou (4) D.Groenewald, C.Nedza (3) Z.Seci (2) N.Haidaris (1) H.Bakker, D.Hili, D.Malone, G.Mihailidis, S.Parton

# 1998

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (13th)

1. NORTH GEELONG (a) 2-1 *Michalakopoulos 2*
2. WESTVALE (h) 1-3 *Michalakopoulos*
3. WESTGATE (a) 0-2
4. WERRIBEE CITY (h) 2-1 *Brimmer, Nedza*
5. KINGSTON CITY (h) 0-1
6. MELTON REDS (a) 4-0 *Michalakopoulos 3, Loughnane*
7. NORTHCOTE CITY (a) 1-3 *Michalakopoulos*
8. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 2-2 *Hagigeorgiou, Mashoian*
9. WESTERN SUBURBS (h) 0-4
10. RICHMOND (a) 0-3
11. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 3-4 *Geoghegan, Mihailidis, Schembri*
12. EAST ALTONA (a) 3-4 *Mihailidis 2, Bakker*
13. LALOR UNITED (h) 2-3 *Bakker/pen, Daniels*
14. NORTH GEELONG (h) 1-5 *Daniels*

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15. WESTVALE (a) 0-4
16. WESTGATE (h) 2-2 *Loughnane 2*
17. WERRIBEE CITY (a) 1-1 *Nedza*
18. KINGSTON CITY (a) 0-5
19. MELTON REDS (h) 2-1 *Hagigeorgiou, Daniels*
20. NORTHCOTE CITY (h) 0-2
21. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 1-3 *own goal*
22. WESTERN SUBURBS (a) 1-5 *Placko*
23. RICHMOND (h) 1-1 *Nedza*
24. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 1-0 *Nedza*
25. EAST ALTONA (h) 1-3 *Bakker*
26. LALOR UNITED (a) 2-2 *Groenewald, Hili*

(7) M.Michalakopoulos (4) H.Bakker, C.Nedza (3) S.Loughnane, G.Mihailidis (2) J.Daniels, M.Hagigeorgiou (1) S.Brimmer, E.Geoghegan, D.Gronenwald, D.Hili, A.Mashoian, S.Placko, W.Schembri, own goal

# 1999

## STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (12th)

1. THOMASTOWN-REGENT (a) 0-1
2. KNOX CITY (h) 0-4
3. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (h) 1-2 *Loughnane*
4. CRANBOURNE COMETS (a) 0-4
5. DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED (h) 5-5 *Loughnane 3, Tronconi, Hagigeorgiou*
6. ALTONA CITY (a) 3-2 *Loughnane 2, Rodriguez*
7. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (h) 2-1 *Rodriguez, Hagigeorgiou*
8. GEELONG (a) 2-2 *Gary Bakker 2*
9. CROYDON CITY (h) 2-2 *Nyholt, Hili*
10. SATELLITE CITY ROVERS (a) 1-0 *Medhurst*
11. EAST RICHMOND (h) 1-1 *Hank Bakker*
12. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (a) 0-3
13. FRANKSTON PINES (h) 1-2 *Nyholt*
14. THOMASTOWN-REGENT (h) 0-3
15. KNOX CITY (a) 1-1 *Stillitano*
16. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (a) 0-1
17. CRANBOURNE COMETS (h) 2-0 *Stillitano 2*
18. DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED (a) 2-0 *Medhurst, Nyholt*
19. ALTONA CITY (h) 1-2 *Tronconi*
20. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (a) 0-8
21. GEELONG (h) 3-2 *Hagigeorgiou 2, Mihailidis*
22. CROYDON CITY (a) 2-2 *Stillitano/pen, Hagigeorgiou*
23. SATELLITE CITY ROVERS (h) 1-2 *Hagigeorgiou*
24. EAST RICHMOND (a) 1-2 *Hili*
25. ESSENDON BRUNS ROYALS (h) 1-3 *Loughnane*

**Final First team line-up at Jubilee Park for the 20th Century.**

*Davies, Gallacher, Tronconi, Hili (Hurleston) D.Geoghegan, Loughnane, Groenewald, Nyholt, Medhurst, Dougherty (Schembri) Hagigeorgiou (Stillitano)*

26. FRANKSTON PINES (a) 1-4 *Gallacher*

(7) S.Loughnane (6) M.Hagigeorgiou (4) P.Stillitano (3) J.Nyholt (2) G.Bakker, D.Hili, G.Rodriguez, B.Tronconi (1) H.Bakker, S.Gallacher, G.Mihailidis

# 2000

## STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO S/E (12th-last)

1. KINGSTON CITY (a) 0-4
2. KNOX CITY (h) 1-3 *Langeveld*
3. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (a) 0-5
4. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (h) 0-5
5. CROYDON CITY (h) 0-5
6. STONNINGTON CITY (a) 0-6
7. SPRINGVALE CITY (h) 0-3
8. EAST RICHMOND (a) 0-2
9. SOUTH WANTIRNA (h) 0-1
10. CRANBOURNE COMETS (a) 0-3
11. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (h) 1-2 *Sims*
12. KINGSTON CITY (h) 3-1 *Sims 2, Nyholt*
13. KNOX CITY (a) 0-4
14. OLD SCOTCH/WAVERLEY (h) 2-1 *Sims, Asmicopoulos/pen*
15. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (a) 1-1 *Foley*
16. CROYDON CITY (a) 0-2
17. STONNINGTON CITY (h) 1-3 *Foley*
18. SPRINGVALE CITY (a) 1-1 *Georgakopoulos*
19. EAST RICHMOND (h) 1-9 *Raffie Bakker*
20. SOUTH WANTIRNA (a) 1-2 *Sims*
21. CRANBOURNE COMETS (h) 3-5 *Sims, Georgakopoulos, Iliopoulos*
22. FRANKSTON STRIKERS (a) 0-3

(6) P.Sims (2) N.Foley, D.Georgakopoulos (1) J.Asmicopoulos, R.Bakker, J.Iliopoulos, P.Langeveld, J.Nyholt

# 2001

## STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE S/E (6th)

1. SOUTH WANTIRNA (h) 1-0 *own goal*
2. CHELSEA (a) 2-3 *Zogogiannis, Nyholt*
3. NUNAWADING CITY (h) 1-2 *Nyholt*
4. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (a) 1-1 *O'Hare*
5. BANYULE CITY (a) 0-2
6. SANDRINGHAM CITY (h) 2-4 *O'Hare, Sims*
7. KEYSBOROUGH (a) 0-3
8. MONBULK (h) 0-1
9. SEAFORD UNITED (a) 2-0 *Sims 2*
10. LYNDALE UNITED (h) 1-2 *Nyholt*
11. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (a) 1-0 *Orr*
12. SOUTH WANTIRNA (a) 2-1 *Higgins, own goal*
13. CHELSEA (h) 2-1 *Nyholt, Zogogiannis*
14. NUNAWADING CITY (a) 2-1 *Nyholt, Zogogiannis*
15. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (h) 5-2 *Sims 2, Asmicopoulos, Nyholt, Zogogiannis*
16. BANYULE CITY (h) 3-1 *Bakker, Nyholt, Orr*
17. SANDRINGHAM CITY (a) 2-3 *Sims, Nyholt*
18. KEYSBOROUGH (h) 3-2 *Georgakopoulos, Sims, Zogogiannis*
19. MONBULK (a) 0-0
20. SEAFORD UNITED (h) 0-3
21. LYNDALE UNITED (a) 3-5 *Orr, Nyholt, Sims*
22. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (h) 0-0

(9) J.Nyholt (8) P.Sims (5) B.Zogogiannis (3) M.Orr (2) C.O'Hare, own goal (1) J.Asmicopoulos, R.Bakker, D.Georgakopoulos, M.Higgins

# 2002

## STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE S/E (4th)

1. NUNAWADING CITY (a) 1-1 *Bakker*
2. BRUNSWICK CITY (h) 1-5 *Zogogiannis*
3. DOVETON (a) 2-3 *Williams 2*
4. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (h) 0-1
5. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (a) 1-3 *Nyholt*
6. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (h) 0-0
7. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 2-2 *van Gulik, Nyholt*
8. CHELSEA (h) 6-0 *Asmicopoulos 3, Nyholt 2, Sims*
9. SANDRINGHAM CITY (a) 1-3 *Bakker*
10. CLAYTON INTER (a) 2-1 *Asmicopoulos, van Gulik*
11. KEYSBOROUGH (h) 2-1 *Aidonopoulos, Williams*
12. NUNAWADING CITY (h) 1-0 *own goal*
13. BRUNSWICK CITY (a) 0-6
14. DOVETON (h) 2-1 *Asmicopoulos, Nyholt*
15. SOUTH SPRINGVALE (a) 5-2 *Aidonopoulos 2, Tidd, Nyholt, Williams*
16. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (h) 3-0 *van Gulik, Nedza, Cowlishaw*
17. CLIFTON HILL UNITED (a) 2-3 *Tidd, van Gulik*
18. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 3-1 *Nedza, Asmicopoulos, Nyholt*
19. CHELSEA (a) 2-0 *Nyholt, Asmicopoulos*
20. SANDRINGHAM CITY (h) 3-3 *Nyholt 2, Nedza*
21. CLAYTON INTER (h) 2-6 *van Gulik, own goal*
22. KEYSBOROUGH (a) 4-1 *Nyholt 2, Nedza, van Gulik*

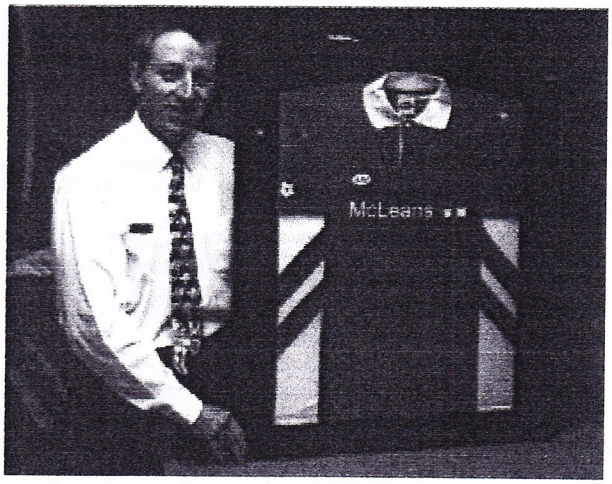
(12) J.Nyholt (7) J.Asmicopoulos (6) J.van Gulik (4) C.Nedza, G.Williams (3) N.Aidonopoulos (2) R.Bakker, G.Tidd, own goal (1) S.Cowlishaw, P.Sims, B.Zogogiannis

# 2003

## STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE S/E (11th)

1. NUNAWADING CITY (h) 2-0 *Nyholt, H.Bakker*
2. CLAYTON INTER (a) 0-6
3. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (h) 0-4
4. DOVETON (a) 1-2 *R.Bakker*
5. SANDRINGHAM CITY (h) 0-0
6. LYNDALE UNITED (a) 2-0 *van Duppen, Flynn*
7. DONCASTER ROVERS (a) 0-5
8. EAST RICHMOND (h) 2-0 *Harris, R.Bakker*
9. MONBULK (a) 1-2 *Morley*
10. DINGLEY CITY (h) 2-1 *Morley, Nyholt*
11. HEATHERTON UNITED (a) 1-5 *Harris*
12. NUNAWADING CITY (a) 0-1
13. CLAYTON INTER (h) 1-2 *R.Bakker*
14. ENDEAVOUR UNITED (a) 1-2 *Nyholt*
15. DOVETON (h) 1-1 *Zogogiannis*
16. SANDRINGHAM CITY (a) 3-3 *Nyholt 2, Flynn*
17. LYNDALE UNITED (h) 0-0
18. DONCASTER ROVERS (h) 0-2
19. EAST RICHMOND (a) 2-2 *Nyholt 2*
20. MONBULK (h) 3-1 *Nyholt, Morley, Zogogiannis*
21. DINGLEY CITY (a) 2-4 *R.Bakker, Morley.*
22. HEATHERTON UNITED (h) 0-1

(8) J.Nyholt (4) R.Bakker, A.Morley (2) S.Flynn, T.Harris, B.Zogogiannis (1) H.Bakker, B.van Duppen

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# PLAYER LIST
# 1953 - 2003

Known players to have made a first team appearance/s for the club between 1953 to 2003. Every effort has been made to trace players through limited records and relevant material available.....

Bracket next to player name in bold indicates goals scored.
(g/k) symbol = goalkeeper.
@ Played as outfield player

**A:**

Bobby ADAM
Keith ADAMS **(2)**
Kevin ADAMS **(1)**
Nick AIDONOPOULOS **(3)**
Oscar ALARCON
Peter ALDIS
Hans ALLEMAN **(1)**
Alex ANDERSON **(4)**
Victor ANGULO **(1)**
Jimmy ASIMACOPOULOS **(9)**
Steve ATKINS **(30)**

**B:**

Robert BAILEY
Shaun BAISLEY
Wieke BAKENS **(2)**
Gary BAKKER **(2)**
Guy BAKKER **(3)**
Hank BAKKER **(11)**
Mark BAKKER **(3)**
Raffie BAKKER **(10)**
Doug BARBOUR
Ken BARCLAY *(g/k)*
Gary BATES
Roger BAXTER **(1)**
Leo BEERENDONK **(22)**
?.BEGG **(1)**
Richard BENS
Graham BIBBY
Michael BISSINGER
Colin BLACKLEY *(g/k)*
Jan BONS **(12)**
Peter BOONE **(4)**
Leo BOSKLOPPER **(2)**
Marty BOZIC
Stan BRADLEY **(4)**
Carlos BRAVO *(g/k)*
Tom BRAZIER **(1)**
Robert BRIAN *(g/k)*
Steve BRIMMER **(9)**
David BROOKS **(1)**
Ben BROWN
Cameron BROWN **(9)**
David BROWN
Wayne BROWN **(9)**
Jan BROUWER **(1)**
Piet BROUWER
Dean BRYDEN **(3)**
Fred BUNCE **(10)**
Barry BURTON **(10)**

**C:**

Brian CADDLE
Don CAMERON **(1)**
George CAMPBELL **(2)**
Jimmy CAMPBELL
Joe CANKOVIC **(3)**
Arco CANTONE
Bob CARMICHAEL *(g/k)*
Tom CARMICHAEL **(5)**
Tom CARMICHAEL jnr
Joe CARROLL **(8)**
Brian CARNABY **(2)**
Washington "Heber" CASTILLO **(17)**
Andy CAULTON
Brett CHALMERS
Jamie CHESTER
Ralph CHRISTIAN *(g/k)*
John CLARK
Glenn CLARKE *(g/k)*
Keith COCKBURN **(7)**
Peter COCKER **(11)**
Anthony COGSWELL **(1)**
Gary COLE **(13)**
Bobby COLLINS
Steve CONLIN **(3)**
Darren COOPER **(3)**
Paul CORKE
John CORVAN **(16)**
Darren COSSEY
Willie COULSON **(2)**
Chris COWLISHAW
Sean COWLISHAW **(1)**
Rodney CROES
Dennis CROOKS
Mick CROZIER
Kevin CULHAM
Colin CULLERTON **(3)**
John CUMMING **(4)**
Paul CYBULA

**D:**

Jason DANIELS **(2)**
John DAVIE **(7)**
Jim DAVIE
Robert DAVIES
Robert DAVIES *(g/k)*
David DEAKIN **(1)**
Sjel de BRUYCKERE **(36)**
Benny de BRUYCKERE
Billy de GRAAF **(3)**
David de KORT
Leo de MAN
Marcel de RIDDER **(1)**
Jan de RUITER
Cor DELGEORGE **(18)**
Peter den RIDDER
Dave DIXON
Lee DIXON **(1)**
Derek DOLAN
Kees DOORINENBEL
Shane DOUGHERTY
@James DOWNIE *(g/k)*
Tommy DUIGAN **(1)**

**E:**

Brian EDGELEY **(18)**
Peter ERASMUS **(1)**
Sergio ESQUIVEL

**F:**

Les FEARN *(g/k)*

John FEENSTRA **(4)**
Terry FERGUSON **(2)**
Claudio FIGUREOA **(1)**
Peter FLYNN **(4)**
Sean FLYNN **(2)**
Nick FOLEY **(2)**
Jimmy FRANTZIS *(g/k)*
Alan FRYATT
Michael FULHAM *(g/k)*

**G:**

John GABRIELSON
Stuart GALLACHER **(1)**
David GARTHWAITE **(6)**
Neil GARVEY **(5)**
Joe GENTILE
Damian GEOGHEGAN
Eoghan GEOGHEGAN **(1)**
Dennis GEORGAKOPOULOS **(3)**
David GIBSON **(2)**
Bill GODTHELP **(11)**
Andrew GOLDEN *(g/k)*
David GOOEY
Bradley GRAPER **(6)**
James GRAY
Ian GREENER **(20)**
Anthony GRGAS-BEGO **(1)**
Ashley GROENEWALD **(1)**
Daniel GROENEWALD **(7)**
Gary GROENEWALD
Jonathon GROENEWALD
Warren GROENEWALD
Sean GULLIVER

**H:**

Mark HAGIGEORGIOU **(19)**
Nick HAIDARIS **(2)**
John HAMBLETT **(1)**
Mujtaba HAMIDY
John HARDY
Wym HARRINGTON
Tim HARRIS **(2)**
Sean HARRISON
Andy HART
Graham HAUPT
Terry HAWKE *(g/k)*
Frank HEARN
Mike HEESWYK *(g/k)*
Graham HEYS **(1)**
Michael HIGGINS **(1)**
Darren HILI **(4)**
Norm HOBSON *(g/k)*
Paul HOLDING
David HOYLAND **(4)**
Fred HOYLE **(1)**
Andy HUGHES **(3)**
Nick HURLESTON
Hank HUYGEN (g/k)

**I:**

Christian IBEAS **(1)**
Paul ILIOPOULOS **(1)**

**J:**

Leo JANSSEN *(g/k)*
Rick JANSSEN *(g/k)*
David JONES
Spencer JONES **(1)**
Nem JOVIC
Salvador JURADO

**K:**

Tom KARAPATSOS **(1)**
Charlie KARDAMITSIS *(g/k)*
Siasia KEBEDE **(1)**
Brian KEENAN **(10)**
?.KEERLAND **(1)**
Declan KENNEDY **(3)**
John KENNEDY *(g/k)*
Shannon KENNEDY
Chris KENT **(10)**
Andy KERR
Gerry KEUKEN **(16)**
Tjibbe KEUKEN **(52)**
Lemma KIBRET *(g/k)*
Tony KIEBOOM **(4)**
Jason KOK *(g/k)*
George KRESKAS **(3)**
Tom KRESKAS *(g/k)*
Mike KUPINIC **(1)**

**L:**

Gerry LAKS
Jan LAMERS
Matthew LANG **(4)**
Robert LANGE **(2)**
Peter LANGEVELD **(2)**
Stuart LEE *(g/k)*
Piero LEPRE **(1)**
Danny LEURIDAN *(g/k)*
Reno LIA
Renato LIBERTO **(2)**
Alex LIVINGSTONE **(7)**
Maurizio LOMBARDI *(g/k)*
Stuart LOUGHNANE **(10)**
George LOUPOS
Terry LUCKHURST **(10)**
Neville LUYT
Arie LUYTEN **(40)**
John LUYTEN **(15)**
Mike LYNN **(26)**

**M:**

Michael MAGUIRE **(18)**
Colin MAKIN
John MALCOLM
Dale MALONE **(1)**
Robert MALT **(2)**
Robert MANTEL **(1)**
Danny MARTIN
Andrew MASHOIAN **(1)**
Terry MASTERS
Barry MATHOT
Cor MATHYSSEN
Paul MAY **(6)**
Jim McBRIDE
Andy McCABE
Paul McCANN *(g/k)*
Tony McDERMOTT
Bobby McGINN
Steve McGUIGAN
Harry McKINLEY **(1)**
Greg McLEOD
Sean McMAHON
Jimmy McNAMARA
Damien MEDHURST **(2)**

Richard MENSINK (2)
Hans MEYER (3)
Michael MICHALAKOPOULOS (67)
Chris MIDDLEMAST (9)
George MIHAILIDIS (6)
Steve MILLER
David MILLS
David MORGAN
Peter MORGAN (6)
Trevor MORGAN
Cor MORKS *(g/k)*
Jason MORKS (2)
Alan MORLEY (4)
Joe MORI (2)
Geoff MORRIS (1)
Clive MULLETT (2)
Paul MUIR (3)
Fred MURRAY (1)
Rudi MUSKEE (14)

**N:**

Chris NEDZA (13)
Rob NELSON (1)
Doug NOLAN (1)
Tommy NOLAN
Ollie NORRIS (10)
Tony NOY (2)
John NYHOLT (73)

**O:**

Noel O'BRIEN
John O'CALLAGHAN (24)
Tommy O'HALLORAN
Connor O'HARE (2)
Marty O'HARE (6)
Tom OLIFIERS (1)
Peter OLLERTON (26)
Paul O'RILEY (7)
Simon OLIVER
Johnny ORR
Matthew ORR (3)
Barry O'TOOLE (4)
Murray OVENS (1)
Trevor OWENS jnr

**Q:**

Brian QUIGLEY

**P:**

Shaun PARTON (2)
Don PASMAN
Eddie PENA (1)
Steve PENDRY
Gugielmo PEPE *(g/k)*
Hans PETERSEN (13)
Martin PHILLIPS (3)
Kevin PHIPPS
Michael PILBEAM
?.PILS (1)
Steve PLACKO (1)
Duncan PLANK (6)
Richard PLUMB (5)
Michael PLUNKETT
Alan PONGHO (1)
Martin POSAR *(g/k)*
Frank POSTMA
Ivan POZEGA *(g/k)*
Julio PRESTA
Jamie PRINSEN (3)
Kees PRONK (5)
Paul PSATHAS
George PSIHOUNTAKIS
Mike PYE (8)
David PYGALL (7)

**R:**

Calder REID
Robert REILLY (2)
Dre REMMERS (2)
George RODRIGUEZ (2)
Jamie ROGERS
Nathan ROGERS
Paul ROLLEMAN
Ruud RUBENS
Justin RUDDOCK
Luke RUSSELL
?.RUYGEN (1)

**S:**

James SALISBURY
Tony SANGO *(g/k)*
Paul SARGEANT *(g/k)*
Peter SAS (9)
Wayne SCHEMBRI (1)
Greg SCHOTT
Piet SCHIPPERHEYN (10)
Andy SCOTT (8)
Justin SCROBOGNA
Zoltan SECI (10)
Des SHANNON (10)
Peter SIMS (15)
Brian SINCLAIR (6)
Ron SINCLAIR
Add SLOOTHAK (1)
Bobby SMITH (13)
Chris SMITH
Jan SMITS (1)
Wim SPIEKERMAN (32)
Dean SPRUIT
Syd STEELE (49)
Joop STEKELENBURG
Kenny STEWART (35)
Paul STILLITANO (4)
Dick STOBBE (1)
Frank STOFFELS (43)
Puck STORIMANS
Kees STORM (21)
Hank STROES
Terry SULLIVAN
John SYKES (2)

**T:**

Ernie TAPAI (6)
David TATTERSALL (2)
Cor TEEUW (2)
Mehmet TEKTAS
Jan TEUBEN
Paul THEODOROU
Brian THOM (29)
Jai THOMAS (1)
Bobby THOMSON (1)
Stuart THOMSON (16)
George TIDD (2)
Patrick TOMSON *(g/k)*
Jamie TRACEY
Dick TREFFERS *(g/k)*

Brett TRONCONI **(2)**
Joe TRONT **(1)**
Chris TSANGALIS **(1)**

**U:**

Danny UBACHS **(7)**

**V:**

Dick van ALPHEN **(19)**
Rudi van ALTENA *(g/k)*
Frank van BALKOM **(8)**
Ben van de BERG *(g/k)*
Gerrit van de BERG
Hans van BOXTEL
Appie van DINTHER
Brett van DUPPEN **(1)**
Karel van DYK **(1)**
Hans van EGMOND *(g/k)*
Nick van EGMOND *(g/k)*
Nick van EGMOND jnr **(1)**
Wim van de GAGG **(5)**
James van GULIK **(6)**
Luke van GULIK
Gary van LEUVERDEN **(2)**
Henny van de LINDE **(11)**
Henny van der LINDEN **(1)**
Jo van de LINDEN
Rinus van de PEET
Theo van ROOYEN
Hans van TILBURG **(1)**
Brian VASEY *(g/k)*
Peter VERECHIA **(6)**
Ron VERNIERS **(4)**
David VESNAVER **(1)**
Piet VERSCHOOF **(5)**
Allen VILLIERS **(26)**
Huub VLEUGELS **(1)**
Simon VOGRINEC **(2)**
Terry VOWLES **(10)**

**W:**

Steve WALKER **(6)**
John WALL **(2)**
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Michael WROE *(g/k)*
Barry WYATT **(11)**
Jim WYLIE

**Y:**

Rein YNTEMA **(19)**

**Z:**

?.ZOCHOL **(1)**
Billy ZOGOGIANNIS **(8)**

# COACHES
## 1953 - 2003

In alphabetical order - including seasons in charge.

**Jan BENS** (1967-68)
**Fred BUNCE** (1977 caretaker - 1978)
**Archie CAMPBELL** (1972 caretaker)
**Brian CARNABY** (1978 caretaker)
**Harry CHALKITIS** (1991)
**Bobby COLLINS** (1972)
**John CORVAN** (1990)
**Les COURTIER** (1969)
**Bill CURRAN** (1985)
**John DAVIE** (1994)
**Sjel de BRUYCKERE**
(1956 to 1962-66-71-74-75- 79 to 82- 87 - 91)
**BrianEDGELEY** (1970)
**Jack FEENSTRA** (1971)
**Huub GERAERDS** (1963 to 1965)
**Gary GROENEWALD** (1988 caretaker - 92 - 93 - 94)
**Norm HOBSON** (1976-77)
**Mario HILI** (1999 caretaker)
**Tom KELLY** (1986-87)
**John KENNEDY** (1996)
**Ken KONTRA** (1973)
**Kaz KULAK** (1990 - 1998)
**Rob NELSON** (1988)
**Tom OLIFIERS** (official trainer 1954 to 56)
**Trevor OWEN** (1976)
**Shaun PARTON** (1997)
**Hans PETERSEN** (1988 - 89)
**Bill PODLEWSKI** (2000)
**Cliff PORTWOOD** (1972)
**Brian QUIGLEY** (2000-01)
**Billy ROGERS** (1995)
**Paul ROLLEMAN** (1999)
**Goran RUNJE** (1998)
**Mick SINCLAIR** (1995)
**Kees STORM** (1986 - 1992)
**Cor TEEUW** (1984-85)
**Rudi van ALTENA** (1976 caretaker 1983-84)
**Rick van DUPPEN** (2002-03)
**Nick van EGMOND** (1983)
**Ron VERNIERS** (1999-caretaker)
**Billy ZOGOGIANNIS** (2001-02)

# STATISTICALLY

# SPEAKING

## STATE LEAGUE
## PREMIER LEAGUE RECORD

** note - The State League competition renamed Premier League as of 1991 season **

h = home  a = away

### SEASONS:

1957 to 1966

1968 to 1978

1981 to 1986

1988 to 1990

(Total = 30 seasons)

### MATCHES PLAYED: ( 704 )

Won: ( 250 )

Win ratio: 35%

Lost: ( 296 )

Loss ratio: 42%

Drawn: ( 158 )

Draw ratio: 23%

Best season: 16 wins - 1959

Worst season: 3 wins - 1978

Most goals in a season: 86 - 1959

Least goals in a season: 19 - 1986

Most goals conceded/ season: 70 - 1990

Best match aggregate (goals): (14) 7-7 vs Hellas (h) 1973

Best win: 12-0 Yarra Park (h) 1959

Worst defeat: 0-8 Green Gully (a) 1983

Most goals scored by a player in a SL/PL fixture:

(6) Leo Beerndonk vs Port.Melb Slavia (h) 1961

### (GOALSCORERS)
ten or more in a State/Premier season

22 - Arie Luyten (59)

18 - Wim Spiekerman (69)

17 - Cor Delgeorge (59)

17 - Tjibbe Keuken (59)

17 - Tjibbe Keuken (60)

15- Frank Stoffels (64)

14 - Peter Ollerton (72)

13 - Leo Beerendonk (61)

13 - John Nyholt (88)

12 - Wim Spiekerman (70)

11 - Sjel de Bruyckere (59)

11 - Arie Luyten (60)

11 - Kenny Stewart (84)

11 - Greg Warsawski (84)

10 - Brian Edgeley (69)

10 - Peter Ollerton (71)

10 - Kenny Stewart (82)

10- Frank Stoffels (62)

10 - Frank Stoffels (63)

# LOCAL RIVAL RECORD

in all forms of League competition

## CROYDON CITY:

First played - 1981

Matches played (22)

Won: (1) Drawn: (5) Lost: (16)

Goals/For: (16) Goals/Against: (49)

Best result: 2-1 (h) 1989

Worst result: 2-6 (h) 1986

## KNOX CITY:

First played - 1984

Matches played (16)

Won: (6) Drawn: (4) Lost: (6)

Goals/For: (20) Goals/Against: (27)

Best result: 2-0 (a) 1985 (h & a) 87 (a) 97

Worst result: 0-4 (h) 1999 (a) 2000

## MOOROOLBARK:

First played - 1974

Matches played: (14)

Won: (2) Drawn: (4) Lost: (8)

Goals/For: (17) Goals/Against: (22)

Best result: 4-0 (h) 1997

Worst result: 2-4 (a) 1976 (h) 1990

# LIFE MEMBERS

John (Jan) van HOBOKEN
Sjel (Mike) de BRUYCKERE
Hans van EGMOND
John HAGE
Kees KOS
Arie LUYTEN
Dre REMMERS
Henk LIGT
Martin KOS
Appie DERKSEN
Dick MENSINK
Tony NOY
Ron VERNIERS
Frank WYTKAMP

# PRESIDENTS

John van HOBOKEN
Bill WANNETT
Cor SPRUIT
Tony NOY
Cor TEEUW
Kees KOS
Nel VERHEY
Frank WYTKAMP

# AUTHORS NOTES

Welcome to the 50th anniversary issue of the Ringwood City "Wilhelmina" history.

Originally first published in 1993 to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary, this updated version in celebration of the clubs Golden Jubilee year has seen the inclusion of numerous extra's, which has been in fact ten years in the making. Continuing off from were the original publication ended, the season's 1994 to 2003 have been highlighted, while in a very rare feat as far as publications in Australia concerning soccer is involved, the inclusion of a highly comprehensive statistical section. League results with goal scorers along with a player and coach data base, has all concerned with Ringwood City "Wilhelmina" well and truly covered. Unfortunately ten years ago, Mark Bunce was "mysteriously" overlooked in the thankyou notes. His contribution back in 1993 was immense and inturn his contribution in the proceeding decade has also been of tremendous value. So to Mark, thankyou for your time and for unlocking so much insight involving the 1960's and 70's from the memories created by your father Fred. Thankyou to all the past players and officials whom have been gracious enough to give me their time, your input has been invaluable.

A special thankyou to both Millissa Fischer-Massa and Nel Verhey for financially supporting this book. Their extremely generous and gracious assistance is gratefully appreciated.

Having first ventured into Jubilee Park on July the 19th 1980 as a curious young teenager to see what all the noise and fuss was about, while the personal journey since that point in time has seen season's of joy, hope and despair, nevertheless it has been an experience that will never ever be replaced. While not privy nor alive during the club's golden era, it has been a purely wonderful experience in trying to recapture all the glory and despair through this publication

David Bullock

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John Nyholt in action during 2003 season (photo credit - Steven Gray)

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